Stuart A. Petersen, 77, of Kirksville, Mo., and formerly of Victor, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at the Kirksville Manor Care Center.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 20th at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor.

Stuart was united in marriage with Sharon Lee Seaton on Feb. 8, 1964, in Grinnell, Iowa, and they had two children. They lived in Reinbeck, where Stuart operated a gas station for several years. He began his career as a funeral director in Grinnell and then moved on to Clinton in 1980. In 1986, the family moved to Victor and Stuart continued his lifelong career as funeral director at the Smith Funeral Home. He was a member of the American Legion for 50 years.

Stuart is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharon Petersen of Kirksville, Mo.; daughter Sheri Lowe of Keller, Texas; son Steve Petersen of Kirksville; five grandchildren; and a brother, Dick Petersen of Manhattan, Kan. Stuart was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.