W. E. Willie LaFond, 62, of Newton died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center in Des Moines.

Willie’s Celebration of Life visitation with a light lunch will be from 1 to 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. Burial will be at the Sugar Grove Cemetery in rural Newton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Willie’s name to help purchase a new family cemetery marker (please make checks payable to Michelle LaFond) or to the Jasper County Animal Rescue League and Humane Society. Memorials may be left at the funeral home. If you are mailing the memorial to the funeral home, 1115 East 19th St. N, Newton, Iowa 50208, please add “Attn: LaFond Family” on the envelope.

She is survived by her daughters, Michelle LaFond of Sanford, Mich., and Felica LaFond of Benton Harbor, Mich.; four grandchildren; her sister, Donna Morton of Newton; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Wilbur and Leonard Halterman; and two sisters, Barbara Lenke and Marilyn Halterman.