Larry E. Kochuyt, 59

Larry E. Kochuyt, 59, of Ladora, died on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at his home.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 17, 2009, at the Victor Baptist Church with interment in the Victor Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Larry Kochuyt Memorial Fund.

Larry was born on Feb. 25, 1950, the son of Albert and Margaret Depoorter Kochuyt in Belle Plaine. He attended Ladora and HLV schools, graduating in 1968. He married Nancy Ford on Feb. 10, 1973, and they later divorced. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

On Sept. 2, 1994, he married Jean Macku in Williamsburg. The couple lived in Chelsea and Belle Plaine before making their home in Ladora. Larry worked doing various things from hauling seed corn and trucking, before he started doing carpentry for himself. He helped with the Kozis church and several other projects. Larry enjoyed visiting with friends, watching "MASH" and "Gun Smoke," yard work and always appreciated a good joke.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jean, of Ladora; his mother, Margaret Kochuyt of Brooklyn; children, Tracy (Curt) Pieper of Muscatine, Rachel (Gene) Evens of Houston, Texas, Susan Kochuyt of Belle Plaine, Laura Kochuyt of Ladora, Marie (Rick) Homann of Ladona; ten grandchildren; two brothers, Bob (Melinda) Kochuyt of Ladora and Dan (Rhonda) Kochuyt of Center Point; and two sisters, Donna (Lonnie) Jack of Victor and Kathy Roth of Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1996.