Louis Vernon Taylor

Louis Vernon Taylor, 70, of Tama, formerly of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at his home under the care of Iowa River Hospice.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 15, at Kruse Phillips Funeral Home in Tama with interment following at Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama.

He was born Feb. 11, 1939, in Grinnell, the son of Lewis and Verna Miller Taylor and was a 1957 graduate of Grinnell High School. He formerly was married to Imogene Yoga, then was united in marriage on April 21, 1975, with Tamar Bennett who died in 2001. He and Deb Marvin Thede were married on May 24, 2002.

He was employed by Tama Packing Co. in the Tama Stockyards and most recently had worked at the Meskwaki Casino. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Toledo American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Deb Taylor of Tama; eight children, Randy Taylor and Steve Taylor of Preston, Idaho; Shelley Thomas of Van Horne; Dana Taylor of Florida; Butch Taylor of Waukon, Wis.; Irene Hill and Toby Taylor of Tama, and Shawn Taylor of Las Vegas, Nevada; three stepchildren, Tonya Clark and Robert Thede Jr. of Cedar Rapids and Lloyd Thede of Belle Plaine; several grandchildren and step grandchildren; his mother Verna Taylor of Tama; two brothers, Jess Taylor of Las Vegas, Nev., and Gary Taylor of Andalusia, Ala., and one sister Rose Krieger of Tama. He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Taylor, and one brother, Robert Taylor.