

Larry Franklin, 66

Larry Franklin, 66, of Rose Hill, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at the Bright Kavanaugh Hospice House in Des Moines.

He was born Aug. 29, 1941, at Cedar Falls, the son of Dwight A. and (Alice) Madelene Lanphier Franklin. He graduated from the Lacey High School with the class of 1959, the last class to graduate at Lacey. He was a heavy equipment operator, and through the years worked at various Oskaloosa businesses including Oskaloosa Block Plant, Mich Coal Co., Dickinson & Co., and Ideal Ready Mix. He enjoyed the out of doors, especially fishing, mowing, mushroom hunting, and helping his brother, Paul, on the farm.

His family includes a daughter, Wendy Franklin (Jerry Lester) of Montezuma; a grandson, Tanner Franklin; two brothers, Gary Franklin of Ottumwa and Paul Franklin of Cedar; a sister and her husband, Cheryl and Mark Wilson of Lenox; his companion, Diana Noe of Rose Hill; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The body has been cremated. Visitation with the family was Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Bates Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa. A memorial has been established in his name. Private family burial will be at a later date at the White Oak Cemetery east of Oskaloosa.

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