William "Bill" Thomas Sept. 17, 1949 - Dec. 17, 2017

William "Bill" Thomas, 68, of What Cheer died, December 17. Services were held Dec. 22, 10 i a.m. at Holland-Coble Funeral Home, What Cheer. Burial was in Rice Cemetery, What Cheer. Memorial contributions may be di-

rected to the family.

William Edward Thomas was born Sept. 17, 1949 in Oskaloosa, the son of John and Mary Fender Thomas. Bill was raised on the farm and graduated from Tri-County High School in 1967. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1969 and was medically discharged in November of 1970.

In June of 1971, he married Nancy Garber. To this union three children were born, Rusty, Heather and Jason. Bill worked for Wilcox Garland Furniture, Cargill, and over 20 years for his brother Jack at Thomas Electric. He retired from Thomas Electric in 1999 but still served as a consultant to his older brother whether he needed to or not. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing and most anything outdoors. He had a soft spot in his heart for animals and over the years had several pets including bears and raccoons.