John D. Marshall

John D. Marshall, 59, of Des Moines, died unexpectedly at his home on Friday, Oct. 21.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home, 5400 S.W. 9th Street, Des Moines.

He was born May 11, 1946, in Newton. He graduated from Newton Community High School, received an undergraduate degree from Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., and a graduate degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

In the community he taught English as a second language, and volunteered with the AIDS project, election campaigns and IRIS. He worked at Grinnell College as a technical secretary in the science division from 1987 until the end of 1995.

He will be remembered for his hearty laugh, witty sense of humor, his expertise as a photographer, and love of nature, water and cats.

Surviving him are his life partner, Bob Crigler; his brother, David Marshall of Ashville, N.C.; nieces Wendy Marshall and Darby Zaremba; and his cat, Brittany. He was preceded in death by his parents, Trula and Harold Marshall.

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