Kenneth L. Bryan



Kenneth L. Bryan, 66, of Newton died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, in the Hospice of Jasper County Monarch Wing of Skiff Medical Center in Newton.

A funeral service conducted by his son, the Rev. Clint Bryan, was held Thursday at Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton with burial following in Palo Alto Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Ken Bryan Memorial Fund.

He was born Aug. 31, 1941, in Barnes City to Evan and Faye Trease Bryan. The family moved to Newton in 1945, where he was active in athletics, graduating from Newton High School with the Class of 1959. He attended the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls for one year, then joined the United States Navy in 1960. His four years in the military included marching in President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade and two tours in Cuba. He was united in marriage with Beverly Ferneau of Grinnell on Aug. 18, 1962. They had celebrated over 45 years of marriage. He was employed by the Maytag Corporation as an electronics technician for 35 years, retiring in 2000. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, trapping and fishing. He continued his interest in sports into adulthood through bowling and playing and coaching softball. He enjoyed rooting for the Iowa Hawkeyes and the St. Louis Cardinals.

He is survived by his wife Bev Bryan of Newton; a daughter Cori Latcham of Newton; a son Clint Bryan of Cleveland, Ohio; four grandchildren; one brother Vern Bryan of Newton and three sisters, Eva Borchert of Rock Creek, Ula Dow of Newton and Lois Schwab of Colorado Springs, Colo.