JOHN RAY MAYER II, 56

A visitation with his family was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, with a prayer service that followed at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home. Memorials may be directed to the family. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for John and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born on January 26, 1952, in Marshalltown, John was the son of John Ray and Donna Jean (Kent) Mayer. He graduated from Toledo High School. John served in the US Navy for four years following high school. He was employed for many years as a truck driver. He lived in Marshalltown until 1998 when he moved to Florida. John enjoyed playing cards with friends and family.

Left to mourn his loss are his children, Lynda Mayer, Vance Mayer, and Lance Mayer; one granddaughter; two sisters, Jean (Jerry) Barker of Marshalltown, and Susan (Larry) Forrest of Marshalltown; his nephews, Jeff and Jay; his nieces, Bethany, Stephanie, and Tiffany, and his uncle, Jim Kent of Calera, OK.

In death he has rejoined his parents, grandparents, and several uncles.

BRENDA J. CATHERWOOD, 67
Brenda J. Catherwood, 67, of rural Whitten, died early Monday morning, April 14th, at the Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 18th, at the Whitten Community Church with Pastor Jim Hartman officiating. She will be laid to rest in the Hauser Cemetery at Whitten. Friends may call at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown from 5-7:00 p.m. on Thursday. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born Brenda Joyce Tanner on December 28th, 1940, in Iowa City, Iowa, she was the daughter of Frank and Alice (Briggs) Tanner. She received her education in the Traer/North Tama County Schools.

On July 17, 1957, in Traer, she was united in marriage to Lawrence Catherwood. They resided near Whitten where she was a homemaker, had worked at the steakhouse in Whitten and was a member of the Whitten Community Church. She enjoyed birds, flowers, was a great cook – especially her pies and brownies, and loved her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Lois Kriegel (David) of Whitten, Larry Catherwood of Garwin; her grandchildren, Danny and Matt Lepley, Travis, Shannon, and Jason Kriegel, Jake, Lucas and Sidney Catherwood; five great-grandchildren, Austin, Kayley, Makalah, Blaze and Dakota; her brother, Kent Tanner of New Albin, Iowa; sisters, Karen Mannschreck and Patty Lewis both of Traer; her dog, Toby; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

In death she has rejoined her parents, her beloved husband who died in 1997, daughter Donna Lepley who passed in 2007, sisters Darlene and brother Johnny.

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RUSSELL C. BETTS, 68

Funeral services were held April 9, 2008, in Broomfield, Colorado.

Russ was born February 18, 1940 in Marshalltown, Iowa to Robert and Marine Betts.

He graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1958 and attended Marshalltown Community College. He served four years in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1964 and later received his design engineering degree in California. He was employed at Ball, Martin Marietta and Storage Technologies in Colorado. He retired in 1992.

Russ is survived by his wife, Jeannie; two sons, Robert C. and Mark E. Betts, all of Westminster, Colorado; two daughters, Lori L. (Mike) Holland of Superior, Colorado and Julie A. Betts of Wiggins, Colorado; six grandchildren of Colorado and his mother and sister, Gaile (Larry) Collum of Marshalltown, Iowa.

His father and grandparents preceded him in death.