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Robert Willard Clemons, 69, of Nevada, died Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Story County Medical Center from a heart attack.

He was born Aug. 24, 1933, in Marshalltown to Guy Hubert and Minnie Maude (Wheat) Clemons. He married Dorene Mehlich on June 25, 1955, at St. John's Lutheran Church in State Center. He graduated from Marshalltown High School and Marshalltown Junior College. He then attended Iowa State University. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served with the Marines Corps. He had worked as a mechanical engineer for Bournes in Ames for 32 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of Memorial Lutheran Church of Nevada; past president of American Society of Tooling and Manufacturing Engineers; and was involved with Boy Scouts for 37 years, having served as Scout Master for 13 years. He was also a mentor in the Nevada Schools. He enjoyed gardening, quilting, reading, woodworking, model railroading and collecting John Deere toys.

Survivors include his wife, Dorene Clemons of Nevada; a son, Robert (and Pam) Clemons, Jr. of Boone; four daughters, Penny (and Edd) Bever of Manatoo Springs, Colo., Cathy (and Charles) Walker of Nevada, Peggy (and Lyle) Butler of Nevada, and Ann (and Doug) Gull-Clemons of Rockford, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Duchunth of Bellingham, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wallace Clemons.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Memorial Lutheran Church with Pastors Myron Herzberg and David Burling officiating. Cremation followed the funeral services. The Bacon Funeral Home in Nevada handled arrangements.

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