

JOHN DOWNS, 54

John Downs, 54, of Marshalltown, died Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Following a lengthy illness, he entered peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior



Jesus Christ in eternal life, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services and a celebration of John's life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 7, 2008, at the First Church of The Nazarene in Marshalltown. He will be laid to rest in Maple Hill Cemetery in Montour, Iowa. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vogelfuneralhomes.com.

John R. Downs was born October 21, 1954, in Marshalltown, the son of

Jerry and Donna (Dunham) Downs. He was a 1974 graduate of Marshalltown High School. He graduated with honors from Marshalltown Community College with an Associate of Nursing Degree. On December 18, 1976, he was united in marriage to Judy Kiener. The couple made their home in Marshalltown where they raised their family.

John was a caring person, devoted to his family. He delighted in cooking each family member their favorite meal, and enjoyed camping and fishing trips with Matt and Sarah. He loved to travel and conspired with the Veteran's Home staff to get Judy "time off" from her work for a cruise to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Due to his health, John retired early from his nursing profession at Glenwood Place, his earlier service to Iowa River Hospice, and as an Emergency Medical Technician. As a dedicated nurse he would do anything for his patients, displaying his protective nature and using good nursing judgment.

Left to cherish his memory and celebrate his life are his wife, Judy; son, Matthew Downs of Iowa City, daughter, Sarah Downs, at home; his parents, Jerry and Donna Downs of Marshalltown; three brothers; Richard (Colette) Downs of Dubuque, Jim (Marilyn) Downs of Marshalltown, and Gerry (Debbie) Downs of Marshalltown; one sister, Cindy (Joe) Mummert of Marshalltown, as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and friends.

