

Thursday, August 20, 2009

ALVIN KARSJEN JR., 66

Alvin (Al) Karsjen Jr., 66, of Melbourne, died Saturday August 15, 2009, at the Iowa River Hospice House in Marshalltown.



A memorial service was held Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown. Memorials may be directed to The Iowa River Hospice House in Marshalltown. For condolences please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Al and his family. Phone 641-844-1234.

Alvin was born on September 21, 1942, in Palmyra Township, Illinois to Alvin and Reva Marie (Adams) Karsjen, Sr. He attended high school in Walker, Minnesota and graduated with the class of 1961. He served our country honorably from 1961 to 1967 in the United States

Navy and was honorably discharged as rank of 1st Class Petty Officer. Al had been a truck driver, retiring from Ruan Transportation in Marshalltown. Family was of utmost importance to him. He also enjoyed working on his house, motorcycling, and shooting pool and loved to travel and make new friends - he will be remembered as a hard worker.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Kathryn (Todd) Bleeker of Maple Grove, Minnesota, Jerry (Shelly) Karsjen of Nevada, Iowa and Mike (Julie) Karsjen of Rhodes Iowa; his extended family David, Kathy, Susan and Bobby; 11 grandchildren, stepmother, Gert Karsjen and his siblings, Ingrid (Chad) Sawyer of Le Grand, Iowa, and Wilfred Karsjen of Garwin and special friend Mary Isaacson.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Bobby Karsjen and a grandson, Landen Bleeker.

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