

## **Gary Sharer, 63**

Gary Sharer, 63, Marshalltown, died suddenly on Tuesday, July 30, 2002 at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical center.

Funeral services and a celebration of his life was held Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral chapel. He was then laid to rest in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown. Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was entrusted by the Sharer family with the final arrangements.

Born on July 25, 1939 in Lima, Ohio, Gary was the only son of Woodrow "Woody" and LaDonna (Davis) Sharer. He received his primary education in Ohio until moving to Rhodes at the age of 8. A year later they moved to Marshalltown where he graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1957. After this time, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served four years. In his youth, he was employed at Lillie Mae Candies.

On May 12, 1966, at the Elim Lutheran Church in Marshalltown, Gary was united in marriage to Linda Beebe Bieghler. They have made Marshalltown their home

where he had been employed with Lennox Industries (fondly known there as Gomer) until retiring on April 30, 2000 after 36 years of faithful service to the company.

Gary will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed his daily visits to the Old Timer. He could quote any baseball history and enjoyed sports in general - except professional basketball. He will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife Linda, his daughters Belinda Sharer and Kim Cahalan both of State Center, son Kelly of Marshalltown, step-children Sue Royce of Des Moines, Sherry Hornbacher and LaVerne Bieghler both of Berwick, Iowa, 12 grandchildren; Jason and Jared Fisher, Amanda Watts, Lisa and Ashley Hornbacher, Elvi, Paige and Nick Olgren, Matt and Ana Royce, Jeni and Daniel Hornbacher, his mother-in-law Anna See of Des Moines and father-in-law Don (Norma) Beebe of Conrad, as well as a host of friends.

In death he rejoins his parents.