

## OBITUARIES

### Harold Vajgrt, 62

Harold Vajgrt, 62, Marshalltown, passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003 at his home while in the care of the Iowa River Hospice.

Funeral services and a celebration of his life was held Monday, Jan. 6, at the Estel-Perin-Avey Funeral Home Chapel with Bobby Shomo, Chaplain of the Iowa River Hospice officiating. He was laid to rest in the Rose Hill Memorial Gardens with full military honors by the Harry C. Harter VFW Post #893. Memorials may be directed to the Iowa River Hospice in his memory.

Harold was born Jan. 18, 1940 in State Center, the youngest of 14 children born to Benjamin and Blanche (Raymon) Vajgrt. He received his education in the area of his birth and graduated from the State Center High School with the Class of 1958. Harold was a baptized member of the State Center Presbyterian Church. He enlisted in the United States Army where he served until receiving his honorable discharge in 1961.

On Easter Sunday of 1961, Harold was united in marriage to Frances Anne Feucht in Mamou, Louisiana. They made their home in Marshalltown where he was employed with Strand Bakery until her untimely passing in February 1965.

On Nov. 26, 1965, he married Mary Fiscus in Kirksville, MO. They made Marshalltown their home along with their blended family. Mr. Vajgrt was employed at Mid Equipment in Grundy Center and later with his brothers in Vajgrt Construction until becoming self-employed in 1975 as an excavating contractor, retiring in July 2000 due to ill health. Any job Harold did

was done correctly, professionally and full of integrity that he was respected for.

Harold was a loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed any events, whether dinner, barbecues or get together with family or friends and always has an extra chair and food for anyone else. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, being a member of the Pheasants Forever, baseball, making his famous Cajun gumbo, backhoe operating, watching the Price is Right, and cherished his grandchildren.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 37 years, Mary, four beloved children: Curt (Marie) Vajgrt or Urbandale; Jeanette Vajgrt, Jeffrey (Susan) Vajgrt and Chris (Dick) Mowrey all of Marshalltown; his grandchildren: Brandon, Jenna, Brett, Nicole, Samantha, Alex, Carmen, Chelsea and Madelyn; his siblings Blanche Wandell in Maine; Mary Determan in Texas; Irene Ballard of Conrad; Johnny (Jackie) Vajgrt of Marshalltown and Martin (Mabel) Vajgrt of Holiday Lake; sister-in-law Catherine Vajgrt of Marshalltown, his "Louisiana Family" Jude (Linda) Feucht; Celine Feucht; Lisa Feucht; Joe (Cindy) Feucht; James (Gretchen) Feucht; Paula Feucht (Marshall) Vidrine and Phill (Sue) Feucht, all his wife Frances' siblings, numerous nieces and nephews.

In death he has rejoined his first wife Frances, his parents, his siblings, Elsie in infancy, Andy, Emil, Benny, Albert, Chuck, Helen Slinker, Sophie Shipley, sister-in-law Mary Feucht Visinau, special friends and companions George and Caper - his dogs.