

### Obituary

Willis Dean Hurst, son of Paul Palmer and Frances Louise Weideman Hurst, was born on March 31, 1940, in Hamburg, Iowa. He grew up in the Riverton and Farragut area and went to country schools. In 1956 he moved to Shenandoah and graduated with the Class of 1958. Willie served six years in the Army Reserves, December 1961-1967 and spent six months on active duty. On October 27, 1962, he was united in marriage to Rita Kathryn Delehant at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Imogene, Iowa. They made their home in Shenandoah and Willie was employed at Brannen's Super Valu. In May of 1972 he became employed with Eaton Corporation and remained there until 1999. Willie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shenandoah. He enjoyed biking, fishing and traveling.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Rita; two daughters, Juli Kathryn Hurst of West Des Moines, Iowa, Kimberly Ann Hurst of Omaha, Nebraska, a son, Patrick Dean Hurst and his wife Suzanne Hurst of Lome, Togo, Africa, three grandchildren, Benjamin Hurst, Abigail Hurst and Emily Hurst, a sister, Virginia Bell and her husband Richard of Ottumwa, Iowa, a brother, Charles L. Hurst and his wife Katherine of Sidney, Iowa, a sister, Kay Brannen-Zimmerman and husband Les of New Sharon, Iowa, a sister Marge Asher and husband Lee of Ottumwa, numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends.

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