

David M. Blake, son of Isaac and Leona (Larson) Blake, was born in Bedford, Iowa, on December 17, 1939. He passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2002, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 62. David was one of seven children. He received his education from the Bedford Public Schools. David worked at the Livestock Sale Barn, for Dr. Lucas, D.V.M., and Dr. Harding, M.D., as well as other odd jobs while living in Bedford. He later moved to Shenandoah, where he worked for Mount Arbor Nurseries as a Night Watchman before going to work for Henry Field's Nurseries in the same position. David worked at Henry Field's for 23 years before retiring. He liked hunting, fishing, whittling and had a great love for children and animals. In his spare time he enjoyed going to garage sales and playing bingo as well as visiting with friends and family. He attended many different churches and liked them all. Before his health had deteriorated from Parkinson's Disease he loved to walk. David was united in marriage to Nancy Deardorff in June of 1972 at Bedford, Iowa. He had two step-daughters, Chris and Sherry, he considered his own. David was a loving brother and father, uncle and an honorary grandfather to Mellony & Linsey Gourley, Johnny Houser and Martin Engstrand.

Preceding David in death were his parents, Ike and Leona Blake, and two brothers, Delbert and Adrian Blake. Survivors include his step-daughters, Chris Deardorff of Shenandoah, IA, and Sherry Shaw of Essex, IA; one grandchild, Akasha, and two great grandchildren, Brittany and Logan all of Sisketon, MO; also three brothers, Gilbert Blake and his wife, Lois of Gravity, IA, Donnie and Eddie Blake of Lenox, IA; one sister, Juddie Squires and husband Kenny of Albia, IA; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.