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INDEPENDENCE Thomas W. Kayser, 64, of Independence, died Friday, Sept. 16, in Madison, Wis., after a sudden illness.

He was born Feb. 12, 1941, in Independence, son of Ralph and Bernadette Bernard Kayser. He married Patricia Kemp Nov. 5, 1966, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Waterloo.

Mr. Kayser served for 21 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He retired from John Deere after 34 years and was also a volunteer fireman for the Fairbank Fire Department for 38 years.

Survived by: his wife; three sons, Joe (Paul) of Minneapolis, John (Sarah) of Cedar Rapids and Jason (Christy) of Fairbank; five grandchildren, Maria, Megan, Melody, David and Maxwell; his mother, of Oelwein; two brothers, Larry (Gigi) of Waterloo and Jerry (Judy) of Oak Park, Ill.; and a sister, Lynda Kayser of Charleston, Ill.

Preceded in death by: his father; and a granddaughter, Madeline.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Fairbank, with burial in the church cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by American Legion Fortsch-Duffy Post 552 of Fairbank and AMVETS Post 49 of Cedar Falls. Friends may call from 2:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at Woods Funeral Home, Fairbank, with a 3 p.m. parish rosary and a 7 p.m. Scripture service.