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Robert "Bob" Atkinson, 58

May 6, 1944- July 24, 2002

OSKALOOSA – Robert "Bob" Atkinson, of Oskaloosa was born May 6, 1944 in Lewis, son of Floyd "Short" and Angelia Donahue Atkinson. He graduated from Harlan High School.

He married Anna Mae Nelsen in 1963, and she died in a car accident in 1992. He worked at Stevens Sand and Gravel in Iowa City before becoming the Water and Wastewater Superintendent for the City of North Liberty.

He married Linda (Meyers) Gerlits in 1993. He retired from the City of Iowa City Water Plant in 1994 and moved to the Montezuma and Oskaloosa area. He was a member of the Elks Lodge 340 in Oskaloosa. He died July 24, 2002, at his home at age 58.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Mae Atkinson; his parents; brother, Mike Atkinson; and sister, Lorelei Martin. He is survived by his wife, Linda Atkinson of Oskaloosa; 3 sons, Rob Atkinson of North Liberty, Tim Atkinson of Parnell and Rod Atkinson of Portland, OR; 2 stepdaughters, Georgia Fisher of Anchorage, AK and Cathy Yanacheak of Coralville; 1 stepson, Tom Gerlits of Ocean Beach, CA; 6 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 2 sisters, Dorothy "Dot" Barnett of Oskaloosa and Barb Hansen of Kimballton; and special sister-in-law, Valli Jensen of Harlan.

The body was cremated and no services are planned. Burial will be at a later date in Elk Horn. The Bates Funeral Chapel, Oskaloosa in charge of arrangements.