

Jerome M. Beary, 60, of Newton, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. A memorial mass will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1115 S. 8th Ave. E., in Newton, Father Ernie Braida officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date at St. Mary's Weller Cemetery in Weller.

He was born May 18, 1945 in Lovilia, the son of Walter E. and Mary G. (Hackathorn) Beary. He was a 1963 graduate of Albia High School in Albia. Jerome married Betty L. Ellis on April 24, 1965 in Weller. Jerome loved running equipment of all sizes. He also enjoyed being outdoors, doing gardening, and hunting. Jerome also was a builder. If a part or device didn't exist, he would see it in his mind, draw it on paper to make sure it would work and then build it. Jerome has built several different types of lifts to help people in wheelchairs. He owned and operated car washes for 40 years. He owned Beary Car Wash in Knoxville, Beary Car Wash in Newton, and in Des Moines, he had owned the Touchless of Hickman and Touchless of Merle Hay. Jerome had lived in Knoxville from 1967-1974, and had lived in Newton since 1974. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton and was a member of the International Car Wash Association.

Survivors are his wife of Newton; two brothers, Larry (Joan) Beary of Lovilia and Walter (Georgina) Beary of Cedar Rapids; three sisters, Joyce (Alex) Koffman of Campbellsport, Wis., Loretta (Ernie) Corso of Albia, and Helen (Pete) Williams of Davenport; and one brother-in-law, Bob (Beverly) Claman of Carlisle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Kelley Anne, in infancy; and a sister, Pauline Claman.

The family will greet friends from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday at Wallace Family Funeral Home, 1115 E. 19th St. N. in Newton, with a coffee time from 7:30-8 p.m., Tuesday. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to St. Mary's Weller Cemetery Association or to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Renovation Fund. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or at the church on the morning of the service.

Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton is in charge of arrangements.

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