

## **Tom Blanchet**

November 10 - October 1, 2017

Thomas Blanchet, 71, of Fort Dodge, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa. Private services will be held at a later date. The Gunderson Funeral Home and Cremation Service are in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Albert Blanchet, the son of William and Marcella (McLoughlin) Blanchet, was born November 10, 1945 in Fort Dodge and graduated from St. Edmond High School in 1964. He later attended Fort Dodge Community College (ICCC) before entering into the United States Air Force on June 13, 1966. Thomas served in the Air Force in Turkey receiving his honorable discharge on January 5, 1970. That same year he married Mary Sue Hayes and the couple later divorced. Thomas attended Red Rock Community College in Denver and later received his degree in accounting from the University of Colorado. He worked as the accountant for Burns Security for 20 years then later worked 10 years with Fort Dodge Ford retiring in 2009. Thomas enjoyed fishing, camping and genealogy. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his father, William Blanchet of Marshalltown; four sisters, Elizabeth Howe of Las Vegas, Nevada, Mary Davis of Amarillo, Texas, Janice Welter of Manson, Iowa and Catherine Proveaux of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He is preceded in death by his mother, Marcella Blanchet; a sister, Rose Blanchet and a brother, Richard Blanchet.

Memorials should be directed to the American Legion.