JOSEPH A. ESCH

August 15, 1943 - May 18, 2018

Joseph A. Esch, 74, of Caledonia, died Friday, May 18, at Caledonia Care and Rehab.

Joe was born August 15, 1943 in Caledonia to Heron and Elizabeth (Felten) Esch. He was a graduate of Loretto High School and was a lifelong farmer, actively farming until last winter, when his declining health caused him to stop. He also worked construction, and he loved mowing his lawn and caring for his yard.

He is survived by his brothers, John (Donna) Esch of Dorchester, IA, Pete (Betty) Esch of Caledonia; a sister, Barb Miller of LaCrescent, MN; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister in law, Sharon Esch; and brother in law, Alfred Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial wil be at 11 am on Thursday, May 24, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Fr. Matt Fasnacht will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 10-11 am Thursday morning before the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. McCormick Funeral Home, Caledonia, is assisting the family.