Charles Dwight Minnemeyer, 70, of Bloomington, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at his residence.

Charles was born September 27, 1945 in Monroe County, the son of the late Hollis and Fern (Chitwood) Minnemeyer. Charles graduated from Bloomington High School and received a BS in entomology from Purdue University. After serving in the US Army, he completed a MS in entomology from Colorado State University.

Charles married Deborah (Clark) Minnemeyer on May 19, 1973.

Charles was employed by the US Forest Service as an entomologist until he retired in 1986. His research concentrated on the spruce beetle in the forests of the Rocky Mountains.

After moving back to IN, he devoted his time to volunteering in local community events, coaching youth sports, and moonlighting as a civil war historian. He enjoyed restoring baseball mitts, watching horse racing, and swimming.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Minnemeyer of Bloomington; son Chas Minnemeyer and his wife Jenny of Frankfort, IL; son Grant Minnemeyer and wife Colleen of Spencer; and grandson Miles. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael Minnemeyer.

An intimate memorial service will be held at a later date. Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville is assisting with arrangements. Visit <u>chandlerfh.com</u> to share condolences, memories and more with Charles' family.

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