Thomas H. “Gus” Martens, 88, of Dubuque, Iowa passed away on May 21, 2020 at home surrounded by his family. According to his wishes no visitation or service will be held. Leonard Funeral Home & Crematory, 2595 Rockdale Road in Dubuque is assisting the family. Online condolences may be left at www.leonardfuneralhome.com

Gus was born on February 25, 1932 in Dubuque, Iowa. He was the son of William and Mary (Sampica) Martens. He graduated from Loras Academy in Dubuque and enlisted in the United States Army. He served from 1952 to 1953 during the Korean War where he received an honorable discharge.

In 1958 he married Patricia (Sowle) at St. Columbkille’s Catholic Church.

For 44 years he worked as a Union Plumber; was a member of the Local 25 Plumbers and Steamfitters and North End Gun Club.

Gus loved spending time with his family and especially enjoyed holidays with the grandkids and great grandkids and playing cards together. He also loved to take his family to the gun club and mall walking with his buddies.

He is survived by his wife Patricia; his children, Tom (Pam) Martens, Dan (Paula) Martens, Tim (Cheryl) Martens, Jill (Mike) Baumhover and Steve (Kim) Martens. His grandchildren, Sarah and Jennifer Martens, Allison (Dominic) Noll, Trevor Martens, Eric (Emily) Martens, Alex (Kate) Martens, Leah (Brad) Timmerman and Jake Baumhover. Great grandchildren, Aleahla, Arianna, and Joshua Martens, Sophie and Elliott Noll and Laurel Timmerman. Two sisters Ginger (Mark) Walsh and Nancy Winning.

Gus was preceded in death by his parents; a brother William “Red” Martens; grandchildren Andrew Martens and Christopher and Joshua Baumhover, along with brothers and sisters-in-law.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Dubuque for all their wonderful care they gave to Gus.

In lieu of flowers a Gus Martens memorial fund will be established.