Randy A. Fairchild

Randy A. Fairchild, 45, of Grinnell died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, at his home.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 11, at Smith Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Tim Stewart of First Baptist Church. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Randy Fairchild Memorial Fund, c/o Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell.

He was born Feb. 13, 1958, in Grinnell, the youngest child of Odell and Edith Lucille Criswell Fairchild. He was raised and educated in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School in 1976. As a teenager he worked for his neighbor on a farm. During his high school years he was a mechanic at Paschal Motors and Hy-Vee Food Store.

On May 6, 1978, he was united in marriage with Brenda Holcomb. He continued to work for Paschal Motors, then for Fred Weaver's Muffler Clinic, later opening his own mechanic shop, which he operated for several years. In 1988, he moved to Plant City, Fla., where he continued as a mechanic. He returned to Grinnell in 1994.

He is survived by one son Ryan of Lee's Summit, Mo.; his father, Odell of Grinnell; one brother Ronnie of Mountain Home, Ark.; one sister Ann Bell of Grinnell; his grandmother, Mae Slagle of Grinnell; nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and one sister, Imogene.