

H-R Nov. 14, 2002

Donald E. Kephart

Donald (Donnie) E. Kephart, 39 of Holland, Wis., formerly of Kellogg and Grinnell, died Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, of injuries sustained that day in an auto/truck accident.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Smith Funeral Home with Elder Marvin Foss of Community of Christ Church in Newton officiating. Pall bearers were Jacob Dyer, Bill Fortner, Max Huffaker, Bret Lewis, Bill McGinnes and Jon Marc Schrader. Honorary bearers were Daniel Diehm, Danny and Steven Kephart, Erick Mettler and Garrold and Rodger Schrader. Burial was in Dunreath Cemetery near Monroe. Memorial contributions may be made to the Donald E. Kephart Memorial Fund.

The son of Eldon and Janet Schrader Kephart, he was born April 24, 1963, in Newton. He was raised and educated in the Kellogg and Grinnell area. He was married on Sept. 18, 1982 in Newton to Patty Burnham. The couple divorced in 1987. While living in Grinnell he was employed at several businesses including Pagliai's Pizza and Tama Meat Packing Company. He moved to Milwaukee in 1987 and was employed at Patrick Cudahy Meat Packing; K&K Auto Salvage and Auto Paradise Salvage. He recently had returned to K&K Auto Salvage. Shortly after he moved to Milwaukee he began a long-term relationship with Lori Strozewski.

Survivors include his parents; one daughter Amanda Burnham of Grinnell; four sons, Steven Kephart of Grinnell, Justen Rice of Montezuma and Dustin and Anthony Kephart, both of Milwaukee; one brother, Denny Kephart of Grinnell; three sisters Sheila Diehm of Grinnell; Felicia Huffaker of Brooklyn and Nancy Kephart of Rock Creek Lake and one grandson.

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