Wade Phipps

Wade Phipps, 56, 1423 Spencer St., Grinnell, died Monday, April 14, 2003, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 18, at First Assembly of God with Troy Stem, pastor, officiating. Pianist will be Ruby Teed and vocal music will be by Sam and Vickie Reaves. There will be no visitation. A private family burial service will be held at Rock Creek Cemetery, rural Grinnell. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or First Assembly of God.

He was born Jan. 2, 1947, in Grinnell to Bert and Maxine Large Phipps. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School. He then worked for several Grinnell companies before moving to Oregon where he worked as a mechanic for the Columbia River Motorcycle Company. He returned to Iowa, residing in Searsmore and working as a maintenance technician for Midland Manufacturing Company in Monroe. He attended the Assembly of God and was a member of the NRA.

He is survived by his mother Maxine Phipps of Grinnell; his children, Damie Kemper, Marie Hernandez and Rebecca Smith, all of Marshalltown; Nicole Layton of Milwaukie, Oregon; Jeremy Phipps of Portland Oregon; Marah Phipps of Grinnell; Jason Playle of New Sharon and Gina, Julianna, Miranda and Aaron Sorelilla, all of California; five grandchildren and four brothers, Dave Phipps and Curtis Phipps, both of Searsmore, and Duane and Glenn Phipps, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his father; one son, Robert Phipps; one granddaughter and three brothers, Bertie, Danny and Kenny Phipps.