Larry Yearian. Interment was at the Lower Blue Point Cemetery, south of Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Brian Criswell Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be directed via: www.smithfh.com.

Brian was born on Oct. 23, 1953, in Grinnell to William Roy and Dorothy Loreen Dickenson Criswell. He attended schools in Tama and Montezuma before graduating with the Class of 1972 from Grinnell High School; competing for GHS, he set a state shotput record he held for several years. He earned a BA degree from Tarkio College in Tarkio, Mo.

On Aug. 9, 1975, he married Cynthia Anne Gagel in Overland Park, Kansas. He was employed by the International Automotive Component Company in Iowa City for the past 26 years. He was a volunteer track and softball coach for the Mid Prairie, HLV and English Valley school systems.

Brian was a member of the Teamsters Union-Local No. 238 and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed camping, golfing and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Criswell of Conroy; one daughter, Candice Criswell of Woodstock, Ill.; one sister, Billie Jean Mulligan of Reinbeck; two brothers, Ronald Criswell of West Liberty and Richard Criswell of El Cajon, Calif.; and his adopted daughter, Nancy Carter of Woodstock.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Patrick Criswell.

Brian Criswell

Brian Criswell, 55, of Conroy, Iowa, died on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Marengo Memorial Hospital.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. John Epperson officiating. Casket bearers were James Berkmann, Charlie Criswell, Kurt Gagel, Darrin Mulligan, James Rutherford and Christopher Sanders. Honorary bearers were Doug Hoffstetter, Rich Daniels, Steve McClenathan, Dennis Shelton and