Jim Duncan

Jim Duncan, age 56, of Grinnell died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, at Smith Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Jim E. Duncan Memorial Fund and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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He was born Nov. 1, 1953, in Eldora, the son of Clarence Rollie Robert and Opal Elizabeth Lender Duncan. He was raised in the Grinnell area and following his education moved to Texas for a short time to work for his brother-in-law Jim Henry. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

He began to work for the Maytag Company in 1976. On Oct. 20, 1979, he was united in marriage with Bev Breden in Montezuma. He continued to work for Maytag until his retirement in 2006.

He enjoyed restoring and modifying old cars, building drag cars and participating in NHRA events.

He is survived by his wife Bev Duncan of Grinnell; his mother Opal Duncan of Brooklyn; his sisters and brothers, Faye Smith of Waterloo, Lucy DeHoct of Simpsonville, S.C., Robert Duncan of Watauga, Texas, Debbie Dursky of Ottumwa, Duane Duncan of Okinawa, Japan, Barb Duncan of Richmond, Calif., Rick Duncan of Madison, Wis., and Vicki Smith of Shirley, Mass.; nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and his brother and sister, Ollie Duncan and Ruth Henry.