Don V. Primley


A graveside service was held Saturday, Aug. 22, at Pleasant Township Cemetery, rural Ewart. Memorials may be made to the Don V. Primley Memorial Fund, PO Box 485, Victor, IA 52247.

Donald Vernon Primley was born, the son of Vernon Eryls and Gladys Louise Halfhill Primley, on July 25, 1952, in Belle Plaine. He was raised in Ladora and graduated from HLV High School with the class of 1971. He received his barber's certificate from the Cedar Rapids School of Barbering and Hairstyling in Cedar Rapids.

He was united in marriage with Bonita Braaksma on Aug. 24, 1991, at the Victor United Methodist Church. He owned and operated Don's Barber Shop in Brooklyn for ten years. He then began working at Amana Manufacturing and Victor Plastics. He most recently had worked for Thomson, Inc. in Brooklyn.

He was a member of the Ladora United Methodist Church, the HLV Booster Club, and an active volunteer of the Ladora Fire Department for 29 years.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie Primley of Ladora; his daughter and son, Jennifer Halvorson of South Amana and Nicholas VandeBerg of Marion; three grandchildren; his brother, William Primley of China; his sister, Kathy Wilhelm of Ladora, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.
Don V. Primley, 57


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Memorials may be designated to the Don V. Primley Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 485, Victor, IA 52347. Memorials and condolences may be shared with the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

Donald Vernon Primley was born the son of Vernon Edith Primley and Gladys Louise Halffall Primley on July 25, 1952, in Belle Plaine. He was raised in Ladona, and he graduated from HLY High School with the class of 1971. He then received his barber's certificate from the Cedar Rapids School of Barbersing and Hair-styling in Cedar Rapids.

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Don was a family man and a friend of many. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed camping and fishing, especially ice fishing, and he was a trained weather spotter. He was a big Iowa Hawkeyes fan and Chicago Cubs fan. He was a member of the Ladona United Methodist Church, the HLY Booster Club, and was an active volunteer of the Ladona Fire Department for 29 years.

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