Barry J. Stark, 52

Barry J. Stark, 52, of Grinnell, died Nov. 28, 2010, at his home, after a lengthy battle with brain cancer which was diagnosed Dec. 4, 2009.

A funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell with Pastor Don Johnston officiating. Music was provided by Teresa Thompson pianist, Deb Lombard organist, Jared Johnston vocalist, and Rob and David Clower bagpipers. Pallbearers were Allen Dean, Randy Ives, Jared Johnston, Craig Lombard, Norm Miller, Andrew Sutton, and Dennis Thompson. Honorary bearers were members of the AWANA T & T Boys. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Barry Stark Memorial Fund.

Barry was born Sept. 18, 1958, in Seville, Spain, the son of Russell and Joan Wilson Stark. He moved with his family to Grinnell in 1967 and was a 1977 graduate of Grinnell High School.

On June 30, 1979, he was united in marriage to Terri Johnson in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell and he was employed with Midwest Manufacturing in Kellogg for 32 years when the business closed in December of 2009. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church where he was active as a leader with AWANA’s. He received Christ as his personal Savior on Sept. 21, 1993.

Barry enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed restoring cars and trucks, riding his Harley Davidson, breakfast at Westside Diner and sitting with family and friends by the fireplace. He held a passion for reciting scripture and listening to Christian music.

Survivors include his wife, Terri, of Grinnell; five children, Sarah (Kevin) Michaels of Joliet, Ill., Amy (Erie) Van Weelden of Sully, and Megan, John and Leslie Stark of Grinnell; two grandchildren, Ashlyn Van Weelden and Andrew Michaels; his parents, Russ and Joan Stark, of Grinnell; one brother, Glen (J-Ping) Stark, of Scotts Valley, Calif.; one sister, Susan (Scott) Anderson, of Grinnell; his father and mother-in-law, Neil and Pat Johnson, of Grinnell; his sister and brother-in-law, DeNeil and Kelly Moes, of Kellogg; one nephew, Tanner (Kristin) Smith; two nieces, Heather Anderson and Haylee (Goey) Fuglial; and one great-niece, Lily Smith.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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