Elmer R. Anderson, 56

Elmer R. Anderson, age 56, of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011. Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Reynolds, Jr. officiating. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be contributed to the ALS Association of Iowa. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn assisted with arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his three children, Heather Kohnen (Terrence) of Tiffin, Jessica Harken (Ivan) of Grinnell, and Caleb Anderson of Brooklyn; three grandchildren, Hayden and Ethan Kohnen and Avery Marie Harken; his mother, Betty Marie Hanus Anderson of Toledo; two brothers, Andy Anderson (Pam) of Watauga, Texas, Chris Anderson (Karen) of Dallas; and a sister, Lou Olson (LeRoy) of Toledo. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur Ray Anderson, and his mother in law, Melvin and Teresa Kriegel.

Elmer Ray Anderson was born Dec. 30, 1954, in Grinnell, the son of Wilbur and Betty Hanus Anderson. He graduated from BGM Schools in Brooklyn with the class of 1974 and married Joyce Kriegel on June 8, 1974 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Elmer was a dispatcher for Manatt’s Inc. for over 30 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn.

Elmer enjoyed riding his BMW motorcycles, target shooting, and antique construction equipment. He was an avid bird watcher. Above all, Elmer loved spending time with his family.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.