Terry Steele, 57

Terry Galen Steele, 57, of Grinnell, died peacefully at his home the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 8, at the Smith Funeral Home with Art Wallis, Grandview Church of Christ in Des Moines, officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

The son of Shirley and Warner Steele, Terry was born Oct. 10, 1953. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1971.

Terry married Mary Morton on Oct. 2, 1976, in Guernsey, and they were married for 26 years. He started working for Robintech in 1972, and continued working in the same factory building with Wolverine and Certainteed for 27 years.

Throughout the 1980s, Terry raised Appaloosa horses and Pony of the Americas, and enjoyed helping his daughters in 4-H activities. He was an avid bluegrass musician, and particularly loved playing the banjo and fiddle. He also enjoyed collecting coins, knives, and violins.

He is survived by his three daughters, Tyné Larissa Steele Ricek, and her husband, Bryan, of Davenport, Tiffini Jo Steele of Des Moines, and Alexis Gabrielle Steele of Chicago; and their mother, Mary Steele, of Grinnell; his sister, Cheri Monteleone, and her husband, John Robson of Grinnell; and his niece, Tawny Van Tomme, and her husband, Danny, also of Grinnell. He is also survived by his fiancé, Deb Cecil.

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