

RANDAL CRISWELL

Randal Criswell Randal Scot Criswell died unexpectedly at his home in Prairie City, Aug. 22. Inurnment of his cremains will be at a later date.

Randy was born to Kenny and Grace Thompson Criswell Sept. 29, 1958, in Grinnell. On Nov. 24, 1984, he married Becky Witte Criswell.

Randy is survived by four brothers, John (Brenda) Criswell of Urbandale, Rod (Susie) Criswell of Malcom, Jim (Heidi) Criswell, and Steve (Janietta) Criswell of Montezuma, two sisters, Cheryl Criswell of Kentucky and Denise Criswell of Nevada; and a large and loving extended family including many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Randy treasured his family. His curiosity and joy in life were contagious. Though his work success was as the operator of a small business, he was proud of his farming heritage. Together, he and Becky nurtured their acreage in Prairie City.

Randy was unconventional in his thinking, fiercely independent, optimistic, curious, and generous-hearted. He faced many health challenges and losses in his life, but did so with a joyous heart, always pursuing fully the business of living.

In Randy's memory and honor, the family asks that any contributions or memorials be given to the Iowa Department for the Blind, 524 4th St., Des Moines.

Randy was a student at the Departmental Orientation Center in the early 1980s. He credited his experience there and his interaction with knowledgeable, experienced persons who were blind with giving him the confidence to pursue his career. Randy's pioneering spirit helped blaze the trail for the interstate highway vending operation as well as other food service, downhill skiing, and welding programs for persons who are blind. Randy's many other interests included gardening, beer making, reading, fitness training, stock investing, herbology, gadgetry, guitars, dancing and rock music.

Randy was a gentle and strong spirit who was well-loved and will be missed by many. *The Record*
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