Randal Criswell died unexpectedly at his home in Prairie City, Aug. 22.
Randal 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 of Montezuma, and Steve (Janetta) 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 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 joyful 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, IA 50309. 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 mainstreaming of public transportation as well as other programs.

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