Ronald Emal, 75

Ronald Emal, 75, of Deep River passed away Monday, April 16, 2012, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. Memorial services will begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at the United Church of Deep River. A visitation/luncheon will be held following the service at the Deep River Community Center. A private inurnment will be held in the Golden Rod Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Deep River Fire Department, the United Church of Deep River or Poweshiek Animal League (PALS).

Ron was the son of Clyde Goebel and Opal (Rose) Emal. He was born on Oct. 21, 1936. Ron worked in the telephone industry most of his working life. He enjoyed hunting and restoring old tractors. Ron had a GREAT sense of humor and really enjoyed pulling one over on people. Sometimes you could see the twinkle in his eye and you knew he was getting ready to play a trick on someone. Ron had a great love for animals like the time he cut a tree down and then ended up raising the baby squirrels to maturity and bringing them from Minnesota to Rose Hill, to let them go. He also would attract cats and dogs to his lap at every chance he got. He kept dog food and a water dish at the shop in case a stray came along and was hungry or thirsty. Ron also wanted his friends to have something to eat or drink when they were with him. Ron would insist you get yourself a pop or a beer or maybe some coffee and perhaps other beverages that were around from time to time. Always wanted his friends, 2 and 4 legged, to have what they needed.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Deep River; two sisters, De Loris (Dee) (David) McPherren, and Rosemary (William) Sayre; a daughter, Anita, of St. Ignatius, Mont.; grandchildren, Tanya Ashley, (Alex) Plitzko and Travis Ashley, Terry Ashley and great-granddaughter, Raven Bird; many cousins, nieces and nephews and many friends.

Ron also has a son, Randy Emal of Knoxville.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Opal Emal; son, Jeff Emal; and grandson, Michael Emal.

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