Richard A. Billman, 60

Richard A. Billman, age 60, of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Grinnell, died on April 27, 2012 at his home of cancer.

A memorial gathering will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Richard A. Billman Memorial Fund, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Richard Allyn Billman was born on Aug. 12, 1951 in Grinnell, to Marvin Exline and Virginia (Morrison) Billman. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1969. He then attended United Electronics School in West Des Moines.

Richard was united in marriage with Rebecca Severe at the First Baptist Church in Grinnell and they had two children, Gregory and Stephanie. They later divorced and after moving to Arizona he married Cindy Conrad; they had one son, Robert Joseph Billman.

He grew up on the family farm in Iowa, but moved on to pursue other interests. He worked for Farmhand and Stadiums Unlimited in Grinnell before moving to Arizona. He was a certified water and waste water operator and worked for the Tolleson and Glendale water treatment plants. The last few years, he worked with his brother, Larry, in construction work, while perfecting a hydrogen fuel generator they were marketing. Richard became a master of the internet, building websites and doing research on anything.

Richard is survived by his parents; son, Gregory (Angela) Billman of Cedar Rapids; daughter, Stephanie Fraser of Des Moines; son, Robert Billman of San Francisco, Calif.; brothers, Larry Billman of Phoenix, Ariz., and David Billman of Grinnell; sisters, Kathryn Elliott of Indian Trail, N.C., and Karen Billman of Charlotte, N.C.; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gary Wayne Billman, in 1993; and his grandparents, Carroll and Emma Morrison.