Russell Haines, 52, of rural Marshalltown, lost his battle with cancer on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012. He was in the comfort of his home surrounded by family and was in Hospice care.

Russell was full of life and acted just like our dad. If you ever met him, it's likely that you would never forget. He could tell a story like nobody else and would usually leave me laughing so hard, I'd have tears. But if you ever got on his bad side, beware. He was quite the joker, always cracking himself up! Along with many others.

Russell Dean Haines was the middle child born to Raymond Lowell and Avis Avonelle Crockett Haines. He was born June 6, 1960, in Grinnell, Iowa. His funeral was at Mitchell Family Funeral Home Nov. 6 at 10:30 with visitation 1 hour before. You can visit for condolences at www.mitchellfh.com – phone, 641-844-1234. This is my tribute to my little brother that I will love and miss forever. Rest in peace, Russell, I love you. Your big sister, Joyce

And one more thing, we are descendants of Davy Crockett, for you genealogists out there!