Tad J. Howard, 63, of Grinnell, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

As per his wishes, no services will be held.

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

Tad Jefferson Howard was born July 12, 1950, in Joliet, Ill. He was raised and educated in Chicago. He moved to Iowa in his early 20s, where he lived until his death.

Tad could always bring a smile to people he met, and he loved playing pranks on people. He enjoyed fishing, and feeding squirrels and the stray cats around his apartment.

Tad is survived by his son, Shane Ranck of Tucson, Ariz.; and his partner of 16 years, Carol M. Rozenberg of Grinnell and her daughter, Julie Mally of Grinnell.

Tad was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bill Howard.