## Robert Dean Dodson



Robert Dean Dodson, 63, of Bentonville, Ark. and formerly of Grinnell, died April 21, 2014, in Springdale, Ark., of cancer.

Burial was at Violet Hill Cemetery in Horseshoe Bend, Ark. To send on-line condolences, visit www.beardsfuneral-

chapel.com.

He was born April 20, 1951, in Grinnell, the son of Homer and Dorothea Dodson. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1969, and attended the University of Northern Iowa before serving in the United States Navyon the U.S.S. Independence in the Air Wings Unit. After leaving the Navy, he lived in Horseshoe Bend for a short while before attending the University of Arkansas where he studied art.

He spent his working career as a biomedical equipment technician for the Northwest Health System from 1980 to 2012, devoting his skills to improving the quality of patient care.

He is survived by his children Nicholas Kirk Dodson and Megan Rene Dodson, both of Springdale, Ark.; and three sisters, Karen Buffington of Springdale, and Shirley Phipps and Connie Carlson, both of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.