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A memorial gathering has been scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

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Michael was born December 19, 1970, in Grinnell, Iowa, the son of Lonnie William and Barbara Jane Innis Parker. He lived in Grinnell prior to moving to Springfield, Missouri, in 1979. He received his education in Grinnell, Iowa, and the Springfield, Missouri, area school districts.

He later returned to the Grinnell area and was employed at Monteruma Manufacturing from 1995 until 2006. In 2007, he moved to Sparks, Nevada, and was employed with Colorite Manufacturing.

Michael enjoyed fishing, camping and watching horror movies. He held a passion for radio control airplanes and had traveled to several states in the Midwest for aerial competitions.

He was a member of the Model Radio Control Club and American Model Association.

Survivors include two sons, Nathan Parker of Newton, Iowa, and Sammy Parker of Sparks, Nevada; two sisters, Laura Anderson of Monroe, Iowa, and Kimberly Hawkins of Grinnell, Iowa; one brother, Carl "Tim" Parker of Texas; and three nieces, Kendra Probasco of Newton, Iowa, Amanda Parker of Sully, Iowa, and Elizabeth Van Sant of Seaside, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Shawna Parker; and one brother, Jason Parker.