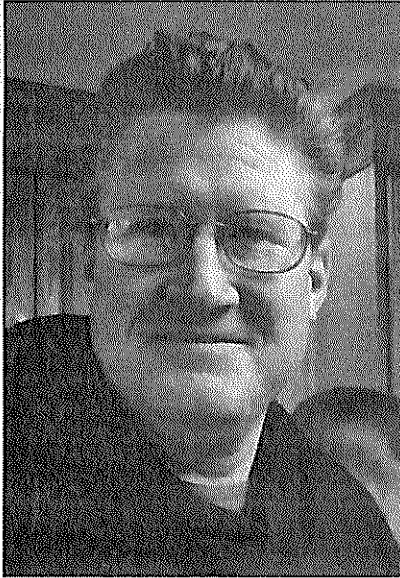


## John Allen Burnell *61-R* *4-23-2015*



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Funeral services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. John Epperson, of Grinnell, officiating. Pallbearers were Richard Berman, David Burnell, Loren Burnell, Jack Griffith, Nicholas Griffith, Addison Jensen, Paul Keuhl and Ron Montgomery. Honorary bearers were Larry Burnell and Denny McLuen. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 5:30 to 8:00 Wednesday evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the John A. Burnell Memorial Fund.

John was born January 30, 1965, in Grinnell, the son of Merle Hayes and Charlotte Jean Black Burnell. He was raised in Grinnell, where he was a member of the Boy Scouts and was a 1983 graduate of Grinnell High School. He attended the Harley Davidson Motorcycle Institute in Orlando.

John was employed as a union millwright for many years working with heavy machinery and installing wind turbines throughout the state of Iowa and parts of the Midwest. He was a proud member of the Local Union #2158.

John grew up hunting, fishing and trapping with his brothers. He enjoyed camping, mushroom hunting and riding and working on his motorcycle. Later in life, he loved working with his son, David, building race cars and he always enjoyed watching his son race. He was a loving father.

Survivors include his twin children, David Burnell of Altoona and Diana (Paul) Kuehl of Des Moines; his mother, Charlotte of Grinnell; three brothers, Larry Burnell, Loren (Sondi) Burnell, and Addison (Michele) Jensen, all of Grinnell; two sisters, Norma (Jack) Griffith of Davenport and Debra (Ron) Montgomery of Grinnell; many nieces and nephews and an expected grandchild due in October. He was also a father-figure to Danielle and Nicole Wauters of Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his father, Merle, in 2002.

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