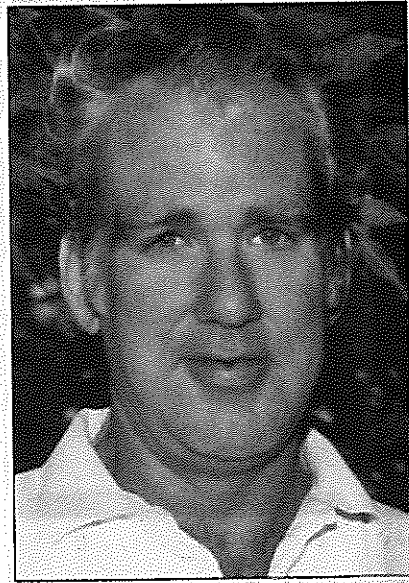


Dennis L. Pickens



Dennis L. Pickens, 67, of Grinnell, died Thursday, April 30, 2015, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A memorial gathering was held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, May 4, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Dennis Pickens Memorial Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Dennis Lowell Pickens was born on June 11, 1947, in Grinnell to William Lloyd Pickens and Darlene Ione Jones Pickens. He was raised and educated in Grinnell.

Dennis was united in marriage with Mikalynn Kay Hoeksema on April 29, 1989, at the United Church of Christ - Congregational in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell and Dennis drove truck all of his life.

His enjoyments included listening to country music, watching country western movies and TV shows, having a cold beer on the front patio, and the companionship of his dog, Miss Corkie-Boo.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Mickey Pickens of Grinnell; two sons, Bill Pickens of Grinnell and Jerry Pickens of Springfield, Mo.; daughter, Michelle Hodgson of Oskaloosa; 15 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his siblings, Loma Pinkerton of Grinnell, Ronald Pickens of Grinnell, and Steve Pickens of Marshalltown.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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