

Ronald L. Graham



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Ronald L. Graham, 46, of Grinnell died Friday, Aug. 12, at his home of cancer.

Funeral services for Ronald Graham were held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Ken Wallace of Jefferson and Jerry Laehn, retired, of Grinnell, officiating. Pianist was Kathy O'Connor and vocalist was Marty Duffus. Pallbearers included Mac Ahrens, Mark Dimit, Mark Eckerman, Gary Halverson, Dave Kaisand and Dan Sondag. Honorary bearers included Bud Deppe, Monte Hammond, John Sampson and Carter Thomson. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 6, 1959, in Grinnell, the son of Vernon and Phyllis Kirby Graham. He was a 1977 grad of Grinnell High School and received an associates degree in farm management from Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo.

On July 14, 1979, he married Mary D. Schmitz in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell and he was employed at Hartwick Elevator for several years, then with Double D Feeds in Grinnell and, later, Searsboro. He began working for Miraco in Grinnell in 1993.

He was an active member of the Newburg-Chester Church and the Grinnell Oddfellows. He was also active with Promise Keepers and was a recipient of the "Leave It Better Than You Found It" Award.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; three daughters, Laura and Samantha Graham and Patricia Stoakes; one grandson; his parents; and a brother, David Graham, all of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Alma Kirby and Earl and Laura Belle Graham.

Memorials may be directed to the Ronald L. Graham Memorial Fund.