

OBITUARIES

GRINNELL RESIDENT

Henry Hovenga, 45

Henry Hovenga, age 45, of Grinnell, died on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at his home with his family by his side.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Rev. Kathryn Roys (St. John's Lutheran Church) and Rev. Cameron Barr (Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational) officiating. Pallbearers were Diane Hovenga, Duane Hovenga, Brian Hovenga, Paul Hovenga, Ryan Hovenga and John Dryuff. Honorary bearers were Matthew and Emily Hovenga. Interment will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery northwest of Grinnell.

Visitation was Friday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from on Friday evening.

Memorials may be designated to the Henry Hovenga 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 online at www.smithfh.com.

Henry was born on September 8, 1970, in Hampton, Iowa, to Donald D. Hovenga and Lavonne (Mooi) Hovenga.

He grew up on the family farm in Ackley, Iowa and moved to Grinnell in 1988. He graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1989.

On August 9, 1997, he was united in marriage to Susan Ashing at the Grinnell United Church of Christ-Congregational. The couple made their home in Grinnell and to this union twin daughters were born, Mary Catherine and Laura Rose.

Henry worked most of his life in factories, including Wenco of Iowa, Midwest Manufacturing, Maytag Corporation and Montezuma Manufacturing. For the past six years he worked in the parts department at Grinnell Implement.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Hovenga of Grinnell; daughters, Mary and Laura Hovenga of Grinnell; parents Don and Lavonne Hovenga of Grinnell; sister, Diane Hovenga; brothers, Duane and Brian Hovenga; nephews, Paul, Ryan, Matthew Hovenga, and John Ashing; and nieces Emily Hovenga, Elizabeth, Sarah and Reese Ashing. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and a niece.

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Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

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