John Talley, 56

John Talley, 56 of Deep River passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, January 5, 2016 at his home in Deep River. Memorial services were held Friday, January 8, 2016 at the United Church in Deep River in the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Visitation was Thursday, January 7, 2016 at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Memorials may be made in the family’s name to be determined at a later time. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcobelfuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny “John” Raymond Talley was born January 22, 1959 in Oak Park, Illinois. John was the son of Mary Agnes (Nunneley) and Robert Tylor Talley. The family lived in Illinois until 1968 when they moved to rural Deep River. John attended Tri County and Deep River Millerburg Schools before receiving his General Equivalency Diploma in 1979. He graduated in 1981, attaining a degree in machine drafting. On September 27, 1981, John was united in marriage to Jeanne Lynn Slaymaker. The Talley’s made their home in Deep River, renting several houses in town before purchasing their current home in 1984. The house was a real fixer-upper and John the mechanic had to learn woodworking skills. He refused to hire anyone for anything if he could figure out how to do it himself. The old house became a home. John and Jeanne were blessed with two daughters. Julie Marie was born August 10, 1989 and Jennifer Sue on June 18, 1996. John loved his girls with all of his heart. Julie married Scott Meeker, adding a son and a grandson, Steven, to the family. John loved to take Steven out and “burn some rubber in his race car.” John was employed at Cunningham, Inc. in Osksloosa for 32 years. He started as a draftsman and worked his way up in the company attaining the position of Vice President of the Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Division. Even after leaving his position in 2014, he continued to mentor his coworkers every chance he got. John took great pride in the company and wanted it to flourish in his absence. John’s hobbies included fishing, playing pool and working on his 1977 Ford Mustang Cobra II. John also enjoyed sharing a beer with his friends from time to time, usually in the garage around some project. The garage was his special place because it brought back memories of times with his Dad.

John is survived by Joanne, his wife of 34 years, his mother Mary Agnes Talley, his daughter Julie (Talley) Meeker, and Jenny Talley, his son in law, Scott Meeker and his grandson, Steven Meeker, his brothers from other mothers, Dave Hohenshel and Dennis Henle and many, many friends.

John was preceded in death by his dad Robert Talley, his sister, Robbie Jean Talley, his uncle Fred Talley, his grandparents Raymond Nunneley and Mary Christine Nunnery Ayres and Fred and Marie Talley.

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