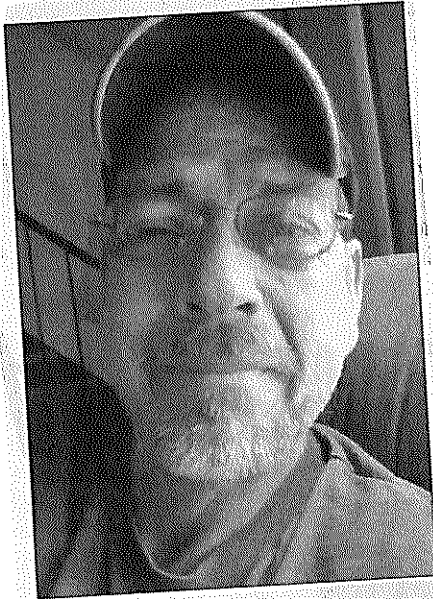


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Robert E. 'Bob' Winchell



Robert E. "Bob" Winchell, 56, of Grinnell, died Friday, April 8, 2016, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with Pastor Walt Claussen and Pastor John Claussen officiating. Military honors were presented by the Iowa Army National Guard. Honorary bearers will be Kellee Coomer, Kristen Coomer, Austin Coomer, Don VanDeKrol, Craig VanDeKrol and Renae VanDe Krol. A reception will be held at the First Friends Church in Grinnell following the service.

Memorials may be directed to Robert E. Winchell Memorial Fund and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Bob was born on Feb. 11, 1960, at Newton, to Richard "Dick" and Patricia "Patty" Ulrey Winchell. He was raised in Killduff, and graduated with the Class of 1978 from Lynnville-Sully High School. Following his education, he served with the U.S. Army.

On May 13, 1984, he married Caryn Townsend in Marshalltown, and they had three children, Dustin, Derek and Alyssa. The couple lived in Grinnell, where he worked as a truck driver and later as an electrician for his father and uncle.

Bob enjoyed tinkering with cars and was considered a handyman assisting family and friends. He also enjoyed camping, motorcycles and operating remote cars and helicopters.

Survivors include his mother, Patty Winchell of Grinnell; his children, Dustin of Oskaloosa, Derek Winchell of Cedar Rapids, and Alyssa Carrison of Montezuma; his fiancée, Deb VanDeKrol of Grinnell; his sister, Deb Coomer of Grinnell; and his 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.