Lane Kephart, 53, New Sharon

Lane Kephart, 53, of New Sharon passed away July 13, 2006. Funeral services were held July 17, at the Bethel Baptist Church in Oskaloosa. Interment was held at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Memorials may be made to the Lane Kephart Memorial Fund.

Lane T. Kephart, the son of Lawrence P. and Dorothy J. Schakel Kephart, was born July 11, 1953, in Oskaloosa. He was raised in the Pella area, and attended Pella Community Schools. His mother died in 1959, and he lived with his maternal grandparents, Lane and Ethel Schakel of Pella. Later, he lived with foster parents: Dean and Phyllis Moats of Knoxville and later with foster mother: Jeanetta Vander Hart of Pella.

On April 28, 1979, Lane was united in marriage to Phyllis Blom at the Sunny Christian Reformed Church. To this union four children were born: Amber, Noah, Aaron and Rachel. The family was raised in the New Sharon area.

His memory is honored by his wife, Phyllis of rural New Sharon; their four children: Amber and Joel Wires of Ankeny, Noah Kephart of Ankeny, and Aaron and Rachel of rural New Sharon; three brothers: Larry of Anamosa, Lonnie of Titusville, Florida, and Lloyd of Grinnell; four half brothers: Terry and Don Kephart of Grinnell; Jim Kephart of Brooklyn; and David Kephart; and two half sisters: Sandy Lee and Mary Nevitt, both of Grinnell. Also surviving is a former step mother, Marge Kephart of Grinnell and his step mother, Emily Kephart of Brooklyn.

Lane was preceded in death by his mother; a sister, Jerri Lynn Kephart Gregory; and his father in 2003.
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Lane T. Kephart, 53, of rural New Sharon died Thursday, July 13, at Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa.

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He was born July 11, 1953, in Oskaloosa, the son of Lawrence P. and Dorothy J. Schakel Kephart. He was raised in the Pella area, attending Pella Community Schools. Following the death of his mother in 1959, he lived with his grandparents, Lane and Ethel Schakel of Pella. He later lived with foster parents Dean and Phyllis Moats of Knoxville, then with his foster mother, Jeanetta Vander Hart of Pella. He was united in marriage with Phyllis Blom on April 28, 1979, in the Sully Christian Reformed Church. They resided in New Sharon and he was a driver of cement trucks. An auto accident in August 2003 resulted in disability and early retirement. He enjoyed working with scrap iron, mushroom hunting, fishing, reading and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis of rural New Sharon; two daughters, Amber Wires of Ankeny and Rachel Kephart of rural New Sharon; two sons, Noah Kephart of Ankeny and Aaron Kephart of rural New Sharon; three brothers, Larry Kephart of Anamosa, Lonnie Kephart of Titusville, Fla., and Lloyd Kephart of Grinnell; four half brothers, Terry and Don Kephart of Grinnell, Jim Kephart of Brooklyn and David Kephart, and two half sisters, Sandy Lee and Mary Nevitt, both of Grinnell; his former stepmother, Marge Kephart of Grinnell and his stepmother, Emily Kephart of Brooklyn. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Jerri Lynn Kephart Gregory.