

Boyd Francis

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A private funeral service for family and close friends will be held on Thursday, August 5th at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

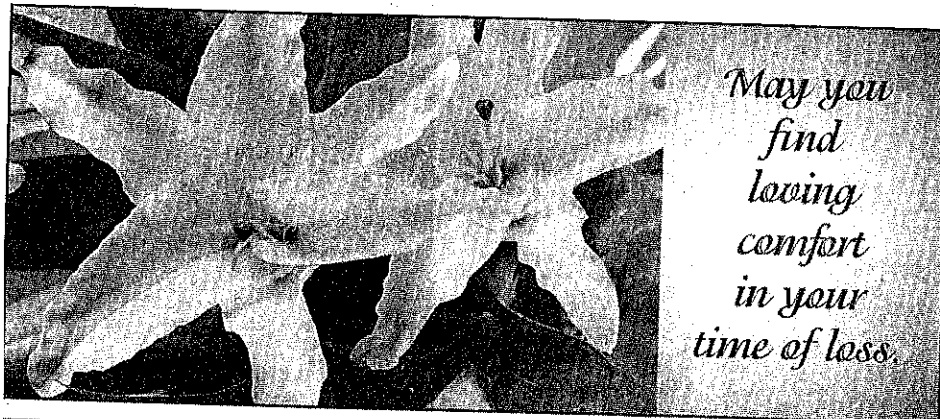
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Humane Society of Lucas County (please make check payable to Marla Francis), mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Boyd's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Boyd Ira Francis was born the son of Richard and Evelyn (Coates) Francis on June 6, 1961, in Sioux City, Iowa. He was raised in Sioux City and graduated from Sioux City West High School in 1979.

Boyd moved to Marengo in 1988 and was united in marriage to Michal Mahoney. They raised their three children in Marengo and Boyd was a mechanic for FD Potts Motors in Marengo. They later divorced. He was united in marriage to Marla Jean Fogel on June 5, 2010, at the Sheridan United Methodist Church northeast of Grinnell. They lived in Brooklyn and Boyd worked as a maintenance technician at Tanger Outlet Mall in Williamsburg.

Boyd was an outdoorsman who loved fishing, camping, and gardening. He was an excellent cook and loved to smoke meats on his Traeger grill. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR races on TV. His greatest love was spending time with his family and being called "Papa" by his grandchildren. He will be remembered for being ornery and adventurous, for being a handyman who could fix anything, and for being a storyteller.

Boyd is survived by his wife, Marla Francis of Brooklyn and her daughter, Andrea Urfer of Newburg; his children, Zach Park of Cedar Rapids, Derek (Misty) Francis of Brooklyn, and Erika (Ryan O'Leary) Francis of Belle Plaine; four grandchildren, Lacie Rethman, Quentin O'Leary, Sydney Francis, and Bayliegh Francis; his brother, Robert Francis of Sioux City; his sister-in-law, Jeannie Francis; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Boyd was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Teresa Francis; and his brother, Loren Francis.



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