

Curt Heinselman

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Curtis Gene Heinselman was born May 14, 1952, in Charles City, Iowa, to Velma (Manning) Heinselman and Harry Leonard Heinselman.

Curt attended Republic Country School and Nashua Community School. He then attended Grinnell-Newburg School starting in seventh grade, graduating in 1970.

Curt married his high school sweetheart Kay Fuller on October 17, 1970, in Grinnell, Iowa. They lived in and around the Grinnell-Newburg and Kellogg area.

Curt had a special place in his heart for horses growing up. Curt always had a love and talent to repair and paint vehicles. He developed this specialty even in high school. He worked at The Ford Garage after graduation, Paschall Motors, General Telephone Company and Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company. He owned and operated Curt's Body Shop from 1976 to 1984, having Larry Manning join him as a partner the last few years. He farmed for a few years but returned to his true talent and owned and operated Curt's Collision Center from 1992 until his retirement in 2018.

Curt loved his family and the precious time he spent with them and his grandchildren's activities. Curt didn't know a stranger and enjoyed visiting with people. He liked the challenge of taking things apart and putting them back together. He loved the farm and being outside. He was a member of New Hope Christian Church and developed a lasting faith in God.

Curt is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kay; his children Gregory (Michelle) Heinselman of Kellogg, Iowa, and daughter, Stacey (Pete) Busch of Conrad, Iowa; grandchildren Caleb and Chelsie Heinselman, and Abigail and Ryan Busch; two sisters Dixie (late husband, Terry) Decker of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Sue (Bill) Hahn of Marengo, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation was held at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A memorial service was held at the Grinnell Christian Church Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon immediately following.

Memorials can be made to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

