James L. Routier, 49

James Leslie Routier, 49, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral service was held on Friday, April 20, at Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma, with Susan Leatham of Hospice of Grinnell, officiating. Interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery, Montour.

James, the son of Lawrence Hemes and Darlene Christine Hofer Routier, was born Dec. 31, 1957, at Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell in 1976. James served his country in the United States Army. He worked as a truck driver, most recently for Nagel Trucking. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping and fishing. During high school, James enjoyed wrestling.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Darlene, in January of 2006.

Those left to honor James' memory include his father, Lawrence Routier of Melrose; his son, Justin Routier of Grinnell; his granddaughter, Raquel Routier; his brother, Jerry Routier (and Karri Kirby) of Malcom; and his sister, Judy Routier of Brooklyn.

Memorial contributions may be designated to Hospice of Grinnell.
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A service will be conducted Friday, April 20, at 1 p.m. at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Burial will follow in Maple Hall Cemetery in Montour. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Watts Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

He was born Dec. 31, 1957, in Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1976 where he participated in wrestling, after which he served in the United States Army. He was employed as a truck driver, most recently for Nagel Trucking. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping and fishing.

He is survived by his father, Lawrence Routier of Melrose; one son Justin Routier of Grinnell; one brother, Jerry Routier of Malcom; one sister Judy Routier of Brooklyn; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his mother Darlene in January 2006.