Rick Dudley, 35

Rick Dudley, 35, of Grinnell, died Dec. 27, 2008, due to injuries sustained in an auto accident near Searboro.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers were John Beason, Steve Burdell, Tim Carnes, Andy Davis, Jamie Dudley, Chris Fisher, Dustin Muscha, and Junior Norris. Honorary Bearers were Matt Carnes, Ryan Davis, Don Doyle, Don Doyle Jr., Chad Fisher, Mike Nevitt, Josh Sadler, and Jeremy Shuey. Burial was in Hazlwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Rick Dudley Memorial Fund.

Rick was born July 16, 1973, in Grinnell, the son of Rick Davis and Mary DeBonte Dudley. He was raised in Grinnell by David and Mary Dudley and received his education in the Grinnell School District.

Rick enjoyed construction work, and for several years was employed with Rhinehart Construction in Victor, and then with Griffith Masonry in Grinnell. He later was employed at Main Street Furniture in Grinnell, and most recently with Joe’s Bar and Grill in Searboro. He was also active with snow removal with his boys in the Grinnell area.

Rick loved the outdoors, riding his motorcycle, fishing, deer hunting, and camping. He was very devoted and protective of his family, and was a loyal friend to many. He was a Good Samaritan with a heart of gold. He loved Chinese food, his morning coffee time with friends, and attending wrestling meets.

Survivors include his life-long companion, Debbie Sleets of Grinnell; four sons, Cody and Ricky Dudley of Grinnell, and Jacob Lacy and Jessie Dudley of Grinnell; his mother and father, David and Mary Dudley of Grinnell; four sisters, Annette (Tim) Carnes and Angela (Andy) Davis of Grinnell, Becky Johnson of Lynnville, and Monica Schutterle of Newton; and two brothers, Jamie Dudley of Cedar Rapids, and Chris Wonders of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rick Davis; his grandparents, Charlie and Amy DeBonte, LeRoy Dudley, and Erma and Vern Davis; his father-in-law, Ivan Sleets; and a nephew, Brandon Carnes.
Rick L. Dudley, 35, of Grinnell, died of injuries he received in a single car accident near Searsboro on Saturday morning, Dec. 27, 2008.

Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.
Rick Dudley, 35, of Grinnell died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Searsboro.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 3, at Smith Funeral Home with John Epperson, pastor of Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Pallbearers were John Beason, Steve Burdell, Tim Carnes, Andy Davis, Jamie Dudley, Chris Fisher, Dustin Muscha and Junior Norris. Honorary bearers were Matt Carnes, Ryan Davis, Don Doyle, Don Doyle Jr., Chad Fisher, Mike Nevitt, Josh Sadler and Jeremy Shuey. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rick Dudley Memorial Fund.

He was born July 16, 1973, in Grinnell, the son of Rick Davis and Mary DeBonte Dudley. He was raised in Grinnell by David and Mary Dudley and received his education in Grinnell schools. He was employed with Rhinehart Construction in Victor, then with Griffith Masonry in Grinnell. He later was employed at Main Street Furniture in Grinnell and most recently with Joe's Bar and Grill in Searsboro. He also was active with snow removal with his sons in the Grinnell area.

He enjoyed the outdoors, riding his motorcycle, fishing, deer hunting and camping.

He is survived by his life-long companion Debbie Sheets of Grinnell; four sons, Cody and Ricky Dudley of Grinnell and Jacob Lacy and Jessie Dudley of Grinnell; his mother and father, David and Mary Dudley of Grinnell; four sisters, Annette Carnes and Angela Davis of Grinnell; Becky Johnson of Lyndell; and Monica Schusterle of Newton, and two brothers Jamie Dudley of Cedar Rapids and Chris Wonders of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his father, Rick Davis.