

## Paul McDonald

Paul Scott McDonald, 37, of Grinnell died of a stroke Friday, Aug. 30, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Eulogist was Dan Walker, assistant chief of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department. Guitarist was Mike Gross, and soloist was Marty Duffus. Pallbearers were Dave Byers, Larry Cox, Mike Groves, Larry Peebles, Scott Sieck, David Thompson, Rob Vest and Pat White. Honorary bearers were members of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department and employees of Midwest Ambulance Service.

Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Paul D. and Penny Ellis McDonald and was born Dec. 23, 1964, in Grinnell. He received his education in Grinnell schools.

A lifelong resident of Grinnell, Mr. McDonald formerly was employed at Grinnell Area Housing, Grinnell Lumber and Morrison Auto Repair.

He joined the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Department in 1989 and later began his career as a salesman for Malcom Lumber in Grinnell. In the spring of 1998, he also began working part time for Midwest Ambulance Service.

During his career with the Fire Department, he earned Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 designations, was a fill-in driver and was a past lieutenant of the department. He chaired the Fire Prevention Breakfast for many years and was a member of the Iowa Firemen's Association and the Poweshiek County Fireman's Association.

His parents survive him.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell Fire Department.

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"Old Betsy," the Grinnell Fire Department's oldest ceremonial vehicle, transported the casket of Paul McDonald, 37, a veteran firefighter who died of a stroke Friday at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Firefighters in their dress uniforms served as pallbearers. Here, the truck

*Procession for a fallen firefighter*  
leads the procession under an American flag suspended between the aerial boom of fire trucks supplied by Grinnell and Toledo. Also taking part in the procession were various law-enforcement, fire and emergency personnel, including Midwest Ambulance Service.