

James Riddle

James Craig Riddle, 44, formerly of Grinnell, died of complications of AIDS Monday, Aug. 7, at the University of San Diego Medical Center in California.

A memorial service was conducted Monday, Aug. 14, at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Organist was Jolene Jones. Honorary pallbearers were Gabriel Neighbors, Jason Anderson, J.T. Anderson, Jon Darter, and Michael, Nicholas, Kyle and Christopher Riddle. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery.

He was the son of Glen and Grace Thompson Riddle and was born Dec. 14, 1950, in Grinnell. He was a 1969 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He received training in floral design in Colorado Springs, Colo., and returned to Grinnell to manage Ella's Flower Shop. He moved to Los Angeles in 1970 and was a designer for Marc Nelson Designs. For the past 20 years he had operated James Riddle Designs in Los Angeles, Palm Springs and New York.

Surviving are his companion, Dr. Robert S. Keenan of San Diego; his father, of Mesa Ariz.; three brothers, Ron of Glendale, Ariz., Chris of Grinnell and Jeff of Mesa; one sister, Saundy Anderson of Grinnell; and his maternal grandmother, Naomi Thompson of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his natural father, Keith DeHart; his mother, Grace Riddle; and an infant sister.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Riddle's name may be made to the Bethel Cemetery and sent in care of Saundy Anderson, 3851 50th St., Grinnell 50112.