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Jim Van Donselaar



Jim Van Donselaar, 44, of Grinnell died of cancer Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003, at Taylor House Hospice in Des Moines.

A funeral service was held Monday, Nov. 3, at Grace Community Church with the Rev. Josh Johnson and the Rev. Robert Zirkelbach officiating. Organist was Nancy Toppenburg and vocalists were Jessica, Joshua and Michael VanDonselaar. Casket bearers were Darrell Allen, Lee Huff, Jim Mathes, Tim O'Neal, Glenn Speas, Calvin Thrasher, and Joshua, Michael and Nathan Van Donselaar. Flower bearers were Christy, Janelle and Jessica Van Donselaar. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his name.

He was born Sept. 2, 1959, in Grinnell to Gordon and Lois Huff Van Donselaar. He was raised in Grinnell and attended schools in Grinnell and Montezuma. He also attended Vennard College in University Park. He worked for several years in the maintenance department at Friendship Manor and later operated a painting and repair business near Bussey. He returned to Grinnell in 1995 and assisted his family in its farming operation.

He was a member of Northside Evangelical Methodist Church and enjoyed pheasant hunting, fishing, his church's archery league and collecting firearms.

He is survived by his parents, Gordon and Lois Van Donselaar of Grinnell; one brother Roger Van Donselaar and six nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Van Donselaar.