

John J. Fleming

John J. Fleming, 62, of Mason City, formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Thursday beginning at noon with family members present from 5 to 8 p.m. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to the John J. Fleming Memorial Fund to benefit organizations of the family's choice. On-line condolences may be submitted to the family at www.smithfh.com.

He was born Sept. 10, 1945, in Grinnell, the son of John Joseph and Margaret Ann Roe Fleming. He was raised in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School with the class of 1963. He was united in marriage with Sharon Thomazin in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell on Aug. 29, 1964. The couple lived in Grinnell following their marriage and John was an electrician.

He enjoyed camping and fishing,

watching horseracing, woodworking, collecting comic books and doing puzzles. He loved Iowa and Notre Dame and other schools geographically close. His family was very important to him. To his brothers and sisters, he became the "father" after the death of their father. He recently enjoyed a family trip to Arizona. He was proud of his Irish heritage and often would argue if anyone told him he was more English than Irish.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Fleming of Mason City; his son Bryan of Mason City; two grandchildren; one great grandson; his brothers, Danny Fleming of Mesa, Ariz.; Pat Fleming of Fort Myers, Fla., and Michael Fleming of Mindoro, Wis.; his sisters, Patty Lust and Marcia Brown of Newton; Mary Duke of Oakland Acres, and Anna Dayton of Malcom. He was preceded in death by his mother Margaret; his father John; his daughter Margaret "Peggy" Logsdon; and his stepmother Barbara.

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