PCCR Don V. Primley, 57 Aug 26, 2009

Don V. Primley, age 57, of Ladora, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids.

A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, at Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Memorials may be designated to the Don V. Primley Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 485, Victor, IA 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

Donald Vernon Primley was born the son of Vernon Erlys Primley and Gladys Louise Halfhill Primley on July 25, 1952, in Belle Plaine. He was raised in Ladora, and he graduated from HLV High School with the class of 1971. He then received his barber's certificate from the Cedar Rapids School of Barbering and Hairstyling in Cedar Rapids.

Don was united in marriage to Bonita Braaksma on Aug. 24, 1991, at the Victor United Methodist Church in Victor. He owned and operated Don's Barber Shop in Brooklyn for 10 years. He then began working at Amana Manufacturing in Amana and for Victor Plastics in Victor. He recently worked for Thombert, Inc. in Brooklyn.

Don was a family man and a friend of many. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed camping and fishing, especially ice fishing, and he was a trained weather spotter. He was a big Iowa Hawkeyes fan and Chicago Cubs fan. He was a member of the Ladora United Methodist Church, the HLV Booster Club, and was an active volunteer of the Ladora Fire Department for 29 years.

Don is survived by his wife, Bonnie Primley of Ladora; his children, Jennifer (Nels) Halvorson of South Amana, and Nicholas (Michelle) VandeBerg of Marion; three grandchildren, Brittany, Erin and Kasyn; his brother, William Primley of China; his sister, Kathy (Steve) Wilhelm of Ladora; and several nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.

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