

Everett E. Boots

Everett E. Boots, 61, formerly of Grinnell, died Dec. 22, 2010, at his home in Meriden, Kansas.

A funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Mercer Funeral Home in Valley Falls, Kansas, and burial with military honors by American Legion Post 400 followed at Valley Falls Cemetery. A celebration of his life with family and friends will be held at a later date.

He was born Sept. 23, 1949, in Manchester, Iowa, to Mary Akers and Everett K. Boots and was raised in Central City. He and Barbara Dayton were married Dec. 31, 1967, in Central City and moved to Grinnell in 1968 where Everett worked for Miracle Recreation until it closed. His employment there was interrupted for a tour of military duty in 1969-1971, when he served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He returned to Miracle after his honorable discharge and worked there until the facility closed. He later traveled the country painting stadium seating and installing underground cable, settling in Kansas in the early 1990s.

He enjoyed fishing and deer hunting with friends, and was a league regular at the Bowladrome here. He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club and the American Legion in Malcom for many years, before joining the American Legion in Meriden.

He is survived by his former wife Barbara; children Michael Boots of Ames, Jason Boots of Grinnell and Amanda Boots of Cedar Rapids; a brother Randy Rhodes and a sister Sherry Ellis, both of Cedar Rapids; his companion Judy Norton of Meriden and her sons Randy Norton of Meriden and Jerry Taliaferro of Topeka; and 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and Judy's daughter, Michele.

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