

Richard Duane Kelley



Richard Duane Kelley, 61, of Grinnell died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at First Christian Church in New Sharon with the Rev. Frank Mick, pastor, officiating. Burial will be held at a later date. Memorial

contributions may made to the Richard D. Kelley Memorial Fund.

He was born Nov. 23, 1949, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Richard Amos and Doris Cornell Kelley. He was raised in Oskaloosa, attending school in the Oskaloosa School District. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. After serving in the military, he returned to Iowa and assisted his parents in the county home business and drove for an ambulance company.

He was united in marriage with Debora Warth in Mount Pleasant on Nov. 19, 1978, and they resided in southeast Iowa where he was employed for Case in Burlington and later farmed. They divorced in 1998. He was united in marriage with Mercy Jaictin on Aug. 4, 1999, in Oskaloosa. They resided in New Sharon and Barnes City prior to moving to Ewart Township, rural Grinnell, in 2010.

He is survived by his wife Mercy of Grinnell; two daughters, LouAnn Ashe-Kelley Bruster of Mount Pleasant and April Jasmine Kelley of Grinnell; was a father figure to Stanley Sloan of Knoxville and Robert White of Freeport, Ill.; one brother, Daniel Lee Kelley of Newton and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. *CHR 2-10-11*

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A memorial service has been scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the New Sharon First Christian Church, with Pastor Frank Mick, officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.



There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Richard D. Kelley Memorial Fund.

Richard was born Nov. 23, 1949, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Richard Amos and Doris Cornell Kelley. He was raised in Oskaloosa and attended school in the Oskaloosa School District. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

After serving in the military, he returned to Iowa and assisted his parents in the county home business and drove for an ambulance company.

On Nov. 17, 1978, he was united in marriage to Debora Worth in Mt. Pleasant. The couple lived in southeast Iowa and he was employed for Case in Burlington and later farmed. They divorced in 1998. He was later married to Mercy Jaictin on Aug. 4, 1999, in Oskaloosa and they lived in New Sharon and Barnes City prior to moving to Ewart Township, near Grinnell in 2010.

Richard enjoyed living on the farm, raising sheep and training miniature horses. He held a passion for inventing energy apparatus and science fiction. He was a licensed pilot and loved to fly.

Survivors include his wife, Mercy, of Grinnell; two children, LouAnn (David) Ashe-Kelley Bruster I of Mt. Pleasant and April Jasmine Kelley of Grinnell; he was a father figure to Stanley (Kenna) Sloan of Knoxville and Robert (Amber) White of Freeport, Ill.; one brother, Daniel Lee (Diana) Kelley of Newton; two grandchildren, Emerald Kelly Bruster and Jedidiah Kelley Bruster; and a niece and nephew.

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