Phillip Eugene Johnson



Phillip Eugene Johnson, 57, formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, in Arkansas.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m. at Arkansas Funeral Care at 2620 W. Main St. in Jacksonville, Ark., with funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, North Little Rock.

He was born Nov. 1, 1955, in Grinnell, and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1974. He served in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed gardening fishing, camping, bird-watching, and following the Green Bay Packers. He had lost touch with his high school sweetheart, Manys Walters, but they reunited and married seven years ago. After living in Iowa most of his life, he retired to Beebe, Ark., with Nancy.

He is survived by his wife; children Jenny Johnson, Jerry Terrell, Josh Johnson, Jessie Moyers, Stephanie Robbins, Kelly Kilbury and Brad Kilbury, 17 grandchildren; a brother Bruce Johnson of Ira, Iowa, and a sister Connie Lakin, of Newton; along with many other relations, and his faithful companion Tess.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gene Johnson and Ruth Phipps and her husband Bill, all of Grinnell.