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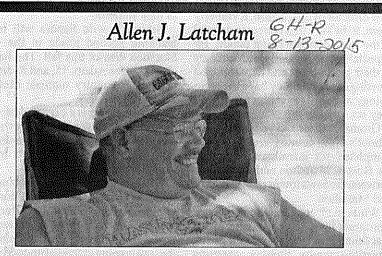
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Visitation began at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and the family received friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Allen J. Latcham Memorial Fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared online with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Allen John Latcham was born the son of Lyle John Latcham and Dorothy Johanna (Versendaal) Latcham on July 11, 1953, in Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised in Grinnell and he graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1972.

He was united in marriage to Teresa Jean Arment on April 27, 1973, in Searsboro, Iowa. The couple lived in Grinnell for a short time after their marriage and then moved to Lynnville, Iowa, in 1975. Allen was a member of the Lynnville Fire Department and was longtime employee of over 20 years at Farm Hand in Grinnell until the business closed its doors. He was then employed at Grinnell Products, Pella Corporation, and most recently was employed at Grinnell College in the maintenance department.

Allen was an outdoorsman, a family man, a friend to many and a stranger to none. He was an avid lowa Hawkeyes fan. His enjoyments were camping, hunting, gardening, auctions, planting trees, and fishing, especially the fishing trips to Canada.

Allen's memory will be cherished by his loving wife of 42 years, Teresa Latcham of Lynnville; his children, Shawn (Angie) Latcham of Lincoln, Nebraska, Troy (Jessica) Latcham of Lynnville, and Stephanie (Quentin) Douglas of Brooklyn, Iowa; six grandchildren, Chelsi Arkema, Alaena & Sawyer Latcham, Lane & Hayden Latcham and Kierra Douglas; father and mother, John and Dorothy Latcham of Grinnell; and four siblings, Dianna (Darlo) Kelting of Grinnell, Janice Kriegel of Grinnell, David (Annette) Latcham of Grinnell, and Carol (Jeff) Oliver of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Howard and Cecile Latcham; and his maternal grandparents, Andy and Johanna Versendaal.