

GRINNELL RESIDENT

Dennis D. Starnes, 66

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6-29-2016

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A celebration of his life will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, Iowa with Pastor John Epper-son officiating. Burial will be in Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom, Iowa.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday June 28th, 2016 at the Smith Funeral Home and the family will be present to greet friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Memorials may be designated to the Dennis D. Starnes Memorial Fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Dennis Dee Starnes

was born on December 19, 1949, the son of Harold and Anna (Bach) Starnes in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School as part of the class of 1969.

He was a hard worker and worked various jobs throughout his high school career including: McNally's and All Star Ford. Following his education, Dennis resided in Grinnell and worked for several area businesses including: Miracle Recreation, Farm Hand, the Super Car Wash and for a brief time partnered with longtime friend Gene Sheets in operating their own drywall business. He eventually went to work at Wenco Windows where he worked for over 20 years until poor health made it necessary to retire.

In the mid-1970s he married Kay Clubb but their union was brief and

the marriage ended shortly after. He started dating Marilyn McDonald in 1981. The birth of their first child, daughter Heather occurred ten days before his birthday in 1982. Shortly after the birth of their son, Michael, he was united in marriage to Marilyn McDonald on June 9, 1988, in Grinnell, Iowa.

Dennis was a family man and a stranger to no one. He was an outdoorsman who loved camping and fishing. During the summer weekends he could often be found camping in his favorite spot at Diamond Lake near Montezuma. He was famous for his outgoing smile and wave at all he encountered. He was also known for grilling skills. He could often be found over the fire at the campground making his signature breakfast of scrambled eggs with bacon. He was an avid Iowa Hawk-

eyes fan unless the Hawks were playing the Iowa State Cyclones, where his daughter, Heather attended college. He held a special love for his dog, Lady and grandson, Miguel.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 28 years, Marilyn Starnes of Grinnell children: Heather Starnes of Grinnell, Michael Starnes of Grinnell, and Amber Wheeler-Phipps of Sebastian, Florida; one grandson, Miguel Ulloa of Grinnell and siblings: Don (Ida) Starnes of Grinnell, Jackie Seipman of Des Moines, Iowa, Dean (Joyce) Starnes of Lakewood, Colorado and twin brother, Dick (Kathy) Starnes of Herndon, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters: Jeanette Lender and Carol Evans, nephew Michael Seipman, great niece, Taralyn Taylor and great nephew, Landon Seye.

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