

Van Hotchkin



Van Hotchkin, 50, of Kellogg died Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, at his home.

A service was held Thursday at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton with the Rev. Mike Johnson officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg. Memorials in his name may be left at the funeral home.

He was born July 13, 1955, in Newton, the son of Neil and Joyce Deere Hotchkin. He attended school in Kellogg and Newton, later receiving his General Education Diploma (GED). He was married on Aug. 1, 1997, to Sally Woody in Kellogg. He had been employed at Montezuma Manufacturing, Moore Tool and Die and Midwest Manufacturing, and for the last 1 1/2 years as a machinist at Thornbert's in Newton. He was a member of United Auto Workers Union #997 and had been president of the American Federation of Labor Union while employed at Midwest Manufacturing. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as music, his vegetable garden, camping and fishing.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Joe of Kellogg and Cody and Eli of Grinnell; two daughters, Melinda Howell of Kellogg and Sheri Van't Sant of New Sharon; seven grandchildren; his mother; one brother Rod Hotchkin of Gillespy, Ill., and two sisters, Joni Johnson of Kellogg and Sam Hotchkin. He was preceded in death by his father; his maternal and paternal grandparents and one brother Scott.