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Dickie (Smily) Breuklander
June 14, 1947 - Aug. 11, 2018

Dickie (Smily) Breuklander, 71, of Oskaloosa, died August 11, at Mahaska Hospital Emergency Room, Oskaloosa. Services were August 15, at First Assembly of God Church, Oskaloosa with Reverend Mike Dotson officiating, assisted by Reverend Del Bittner. Burial was in the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Arrangements were by Bates Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to the family and will benefit the Oskaloosa High School Wrestling Program.

He was born July 14, 1947, in Oskaloosa, the son of Eugene Sorenson and Nellie Breuklander. He attended school in Knoxville and was graduated from Knoxville High School in 1966.

June 21, 1969, he married Connie R. McLain in Montezuma. They were blessed with a daughter, Crystal, and a son, David. Following high school, he began working for Vermeer Corporation on July 10, 1967, and retired on March 25, 2009 after 42 years. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church most of his life.

Later in life, Dick and Connie were blessed with three grandchildren, Tyson, Bailey and Preslee Breuklander. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. His ornery side often came out as he enjoyed 'picking' on people; collecting eagle items; going to races with family; fishing with his friend Russ and other family; going on vacations; going to new and old places to eat, but most of all, letting his grandchildren get away with everything!

Dick is survived by his wife Connie R. of Oskaloosa; two children Crystal Breuklander (Barry Visser) and David (Amie) Breuklander, all of Oskaloosa; three grandchildren, Tyson, Bailey and Preslee; two brothers, Ralph (Erma) Sorenson of Harvey, Bob Burkhardt of Knoxville; two sisters Linda (Lewis) Fletcher of Des Moines and Dixie (Allen) Smith of Knoxville; his mother in law, Louise McLain of Grinnell; Connie's siblings and their spouses Donna and Gary Waterbeck, of Shellsburg, Bill and Nancy McLain of Fair Oaks, California, Robert and Ellen McLain of Brooklyn, Linda and Jeff Slaymaker of Clarinda; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandparents; and a sister and brother in law: Alberta

and Sherill Rankin; a step brother, LeRoy Almond; a step sister and her husband, Donna and Steve Bowen; and aunts, uncles, and cousins.