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David L. Ness



David L. Ness, age 64 of Grinnell, died on Sunday, July 7, 2019, at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines following a long illness.

A celebration of his life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2019, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at the Smith Funeral Home and his family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to UnityPoint Grinnell Regional Medical Center or to the American Diabetes Association, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Dave's family online at www.smithfh.com.

David LaVerne Ness was born in Story City, Iowa, on June 12, 1955, to Robert LaVerne Ness and Pauline Ruth (Davis) Ness. He graduated from Roland-Story High School in 1973, and married his high school sweetheart, Kris Ann Strum, on August 3, 1974, in Roland. They were blessed with three children, Ryan, Kathryn, and Laura.

Dave earned a degree in accounting from DMAAC and a credential of advanced studies in health services administration from the University of Minnesota. After working in hospitals in Story City and Audubon, Iowa, Dave joined the staff at Grinnell General Hospital in 1986. He retired as Vice President of operations in 2018, after 31 years at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Dave enjoyed music, playing cards, basketball, classic cars, Iowa State athletics, war games with his friends, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, signature laugh, generosity, kindness, and for the love of his family.

Dave is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kris Ness of Grinnell; son, Ryan (Kami) Ness of Lee's Summit, Missouri; two daughters, Katy (Nick) Krumbholz of Sterling, Illinois, and Laura (Cody) Schultes of Ankeny, Iowa; six grandchildren, Connor, Brooke, Greta, Dotty, Megan, and Bennett; siblings, Mike (Mary) Ness of Story City, Iowa, Kathy (Randy) Pedersen of West Branch, Iowa, and John (Amy) Ness of Waukegan, Iowa; sister-in-law, Claudia Gross; brother-in-law, Bruce Strum; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his father- and mother-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Strum.