Randy P. Criswell



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Randy P. Criswell, 42, of Grinnell died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 18, at Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. Jeff Arp, pastor of First Assembly of God in Newton and Pastor David Easley, pastor of Hercules Community Church in Bradleyville, Mo., officiating. Vocalists were Michael Cooper and Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers were Mark Doll, Jerry and Brad Freese, Allen and Darren Gaskins and Kyle Pedersen. Honorary bearers were Mike Allison, Ray Baker, Clay Beyer, Joe Fenner, Howard Inman, Chris Nagel, Jim Savage and Craig Sieck. Burial was in Westfield Cemetery, rural Grinnell. Memorials may be made to the Randy P. Criswell Memorial Fund.

The son of Bernard "Curly" and Judy Bunch Criswell, he was born Aug. 10, 1964, in Grinnell where he was raised and educated. Following his education, he began working with his father in Blom and Criswell Painting, Inc. In 1992, he joined his father in founding Criswell Painting and Wallcovering. More recently, he had worked as a carpenter at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in its Facilities Management Department. He was married on June 6, 1992, to Nicole Reaves at the First Assembly of God in Newton. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell where they enjoyed raising their three children.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God in Newton; an active member of Grinnell Youth Baseball Softball Association, and coached youth baseball, soccer and flag football

He is survived by his wife Nikki of Grinnell; three children, Nathan, Caitlyn and Jacqueline Criswell of Grinnell; his mother, Judy Criswell of Grinnell, and two sisters, Susan Crawford of Grinnell and Pam Gaskins of Greenwood, Ind. He was preceded in death by his father in 1999.