

## Fred L. Richardson Jr.



Fred L. "Shorty" Richardson Jr., 42, of Rock Creek Lake near Kellogg died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at his home.

Funeral services for Fred Richardson Jr. were held at 11

a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Susan Leathem, Grinnell Regional Hospice, chaplain, officiating. Pallbearers included Joe Baiter, Todd Brown, Jerry Counce, Terry Dyche, Howard Jones and Mark Richardson. Honorary bearers included Thomas Richardson and Kevin Thorn. Burial was in Rock Creek Liberty Cemetery in rural Jasper County.

Born Feb. 16, 1964, in Iowa City, he was the son of Fred Richardson and Nancy Dyche. He was raised in Viola, Ill., and attended Winola High School in Viola. He lived in several Illinois communities, working as a truck driver.

He moved to Marshalltown in 1990 and worked as a maintenance worker for Monfort Meat Packing. He moved to Grinnell in 1995 and to Rock Creek Lake in 2003. He drove a truck, both over the road and for construction companies. Most recently, he drove for Amholz Trucking.

On June 30, 1999, he married Patricia A. Baiter in Grinnell. The couple had already shared their lives together for 11 years.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and cooking and was an avid follower of NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife; his father, in Viola, Ill.; his mother, in Ft. Bragg, Calif.; a daughter, Jennifer Richardson of Davenport; a son, Fred Huber of Dallas, Texas; two stepsons, Todd Pearse of Kane, Ill., and Tyler Watson of Rock Creek Lake; a sister, Kelly Richardson of Ft. Bragg, Calif.; four grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and a stepson, Louie Pearse.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Fred L. Richardson Memorial Fund.