

Lee Tratchel, 49, Galesburg

Lee Tratchel, 49, of Galesburg passed away June 22, 2006. A private family graveside service was held at Hewitt Cemetery. Memorials can be given in Lee's name and left at Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton.

Lee was born May 26, 1957, in Newton to Leland and Dorothy (Miller) Tratchel. He was a lifelong resident of Jasper County. He was a graduate of Lynnville-Sully High School in 1975, and received his associates degree from DMACC in 1977.

Lee made ornamental concrete figures for lawns. Prior to that he

worked at Pella Corp. for 18 years. Lee married Mary Samson in 1996 in Killduff.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Tratchel of Galesburg; one daughter, Lea (Russell) Ladehoff of Bayard; two step-daughters: Michelle Winters of Newton and Jennifer (Eric) Swank of Reasnor; five grandchildren; two brothers: Carl Tratchel of Waterloo and Jack Tratchel of Iowa City; and his mother, Dorothy Tratchel of Killduff.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leland Tratchel; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

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