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He was born in Grinnell Sept. 2, 1957, the son of Richard and Dorothy Hofer Tuttle Sr. He was raised on the family farm west of Victor and received his education in HLV schools. He was a self-employed entrepreneur, an outdoorsman who enjoyed trap shooting, riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle with his son and sharing vegetables from his garden. He also was a father figure to his nephews, "Pork Chop," Steve and Rick and his grandson Steven.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene Tuttle of rural Victor; his children Don VanDeKrol of Grinnell, Natalie Wagner of rural Victor and Adrianna McMains of Prairie City; eight grandchildren; his brother Larry Tuttle of Belle Plaine, and his sister, Carol VanDee of Deep River. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Dick and Danny, who died in infancy.

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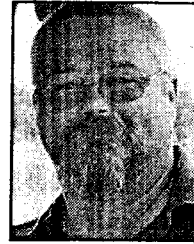
Memorial contributions may be directed to the Donald E. Tuttle Memorial Fund and may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences may be submitted to the family on the Smith Funeral Home website at www.smithfh.com.

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Donald was a self-employed entrepreneur who strived to make each and everything he did better. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed trap-shooting, riding his Harley-Davidson with his son, and provided many of his friends and family with vegetables from his garden. His family was his life and they described him as someone who often helped others before helping himself. He was a father-figure to his nephews, Pork Chop, Steve, Rick, and his grandson Steven. Don held a special love for his dogs.

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A complete obituary will appear in the next issue of the *Brooklyn Chronicle*.