

Russell Mikunda

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Russell Mikunda, 60, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

A Chapel Service will be held 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, Iowa. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at Cox-Smith Funeral Home, located at First Avenue and Prairie Street. It is up to to your discretion to wear a mask and social distancing should be practiced as well. Memorials for the ALS Iowa Chapter may be sent in care of Cox-Smith Funeral and Cremation Service, PO Box 163, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Russell's family online at www.coxsmithfuneralhome.com



Russell John Mikunda was born August 14, 1960, in Canton, Ohio, to Edward and Carole (Austin) Mikunda. He graduated in 1979, from Glenoak High School in Canton. Russell served his country in the Navy from 1979 to 1987. He later attended Eastern College of Health Vocations in Little Rock, Arkansas. On September 27, 2014, he married Danielle Receveur in Grinnell overlooking Arbor Lake.

Russell was a man that others admired for his spirit, patience and kindness. He enjoyed woodworking and doing things outside in the yard. You could always find him tinkering with electronics, building computers or playing with graphic design programs. As his ALS progressed he enjoyed birdwatching and little road trips. Russell liked watching the cooking channels, even though he didn't cook! The ALS Iowa Chapter support group played a big part in his life and he made lasting friendships. His greatest love was his family. Marrying Danielle, seeing his daughter get married and meeting his grandson were the highlights of his life and memories that will forever live on.

He will be missed by his wife, Danielle of Grinnell; his daughter, Bettye (Bryan) Boothroyd of Carlisle; grandson, Edward Russell Boothroyd; brothers, Edward Mikunda of Grinnell and Joe Mikunda of Ottumwa; nephews, Steve and Tyler; and nieces, Brittany Fisher, Kara Mikunda, Jasmine Mikunda and Kyle Heberling.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Karen Mikunda Maple.

His family would like to thank all of the nurses and aides at Unity Point Grinnell Hospice and Home Health for the wonderful care and the time spent with Russell.