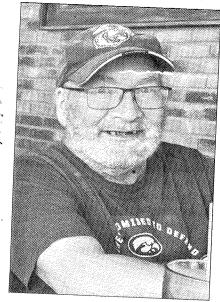
## Joseph 'Joe' Crouse



Joseph "Joe" Crouse, 68, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at his home with his family by his side.

A Celebration of His Life was scheduled for 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19, at Cox-Smith Funeral Home. A visitation was held from 4 p.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be directed to the family and sent in care

of Cox-Smith Funeral and Cremation Service, PO Box 163, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

The family asked those attending to dress in Hawkeve apparel.

Joe was born on March 31, 1956, the son of Charles and Virginia Zwer Crouse in Ottumwa. He graduated from Ottumwa High School and later worked for UPS and then Manatt's, becoming assistant plant manager and driver. On Oct. 10, 1992, he married Regina Nevitt at the Little Brown Church. Joe liked listening to KGGO and 70s music. His family claims Joe always cheated playing Cribbage, UNO and Scrabble. He enjoyed slots, NASCAR and the occasional Budweiser, and was a huge Hawkeye fan.

He is survived by his wife, Gina, of Grinnell; children, Robert "BJ" Mattson Jr., of Grinnell, Elizabeth Bos of Newton, Eric Mattson of Knoxville and Jordan Crouse of Los Angeles, Calif.; seven grandchildren and several great grandchildren; his siblings, Merry Prentis of Naples, Fla., Tom Crouse of Ottumwa, Deanna Crouse of Ottumwa and Denise MacQueen of Bloomfield; and his best friend, Kiki the cat.

He was preceded in death by his parents.