Terry R. Ulrey



Terry R. Ulrey, 42, of Newburg died Saturday, Sept. 20 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Terry R. Ulrey Memorial Fund. On-line condolences may be submitted to his family at www.smthfh.com.

He was born May 13, 1966, in Newton, the son of Richard and Jean Benson Ulrey. He was raised in Newton, Grinnell and Montezuma, graduating from Montezuma High School with the class of 1986. He enlisted in the United States Nary in February 1987 and was stationed at Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago, Ill. He later was medically discharged. He returned to Montezuma to assist his father with his electric business, Ulrey Electric. In recent years he has been employed at West Street Recycling.

He was united in marriage with Rhonda Crane on Dec. 3, 1988, in Grinnell. To this union were born their children Rebecca and Mary. Their marriage later ended in divorce. On Feb. 21, 2004, he was united in marriage with Donna Lemke at Westfield Church, rural Grinnell.

He was an outdoorsman, enjoying bicycling, fishing and camping with family members and friends. He had a passion for gold prospecting with his father with whom he prospected on the Iowa River and as far away as Atlanta, Ga. He was an Iowa Hawkeye fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR racing on television. He looked forward to becoming a grandfather in January.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Ulrey of Newburg. his daughters, Rebecca Haring and Mary Ulrey of Oskaloosa; his mother Jean Ulrey of Grinnell; his stepdaughters, Heather Burch of Grinnell and Tracy Lemke of Marshalltown, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Ulrey; his brother Randy Ulrey; his maternal and paternal grandparents and his granddaughter.

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