

Bill Gerard, 57

Bill Gerard, 57, of Grinnell died Friday, December 17, 2004, of injuries sustained in a traffic accident on I-80 near Grinnell.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell, with the Rev. Bill Reynolds officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The casket bearers will be Bob Christian, Gene Criswell, Cam D'Hooge, J.J. Gerard, Bob Newton, Donnie and Joe Patten, and Derrick Verona.

The honorary casket bearers will be Dwayne Brecht, Norman Hall, Jim Miller and Jack Smothers.

Memorial contributions may be directed towards the Bill Gerard Memorial Fund.

Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell handled arrangements.

The son of Glen Earl and Frances Coraline Christian Gerard, Bill was born March 22, 1947, in Marengo. He was raised in the area, and he received his education at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton.

He married Linda Patten July 22, 1972, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brooklyn, and the couple raised their three children in Grinnell. Bill was employed at several businesses including the dining hall services at Grinnell College, DeLong Sportswear, Hy-Vee Food Store, R and M Redemption Center, and with Gordy Abel's roofing business. He was a carrier for the *Des Moines Register* and the *Pennysaver*, and he assisted Norman Hall in his antique business. He also operated his own lawn maintenance and snow removal service in Grinnell for almost 30 years.

Survivors include his three children, David Gerard and his fiancée, Mandy, Christian Gerard and Heather Gerard, all of Grinnell; his mother, Frances Gerard of Estes Park, Colorado; his brother, James Gerard, and his wife, Terri, of Fort Collins, Colorado; four grandchildren, Dominique, Drew, Simone and Brent, all of Grinnell; and several other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father.



Bill Gerard



Bill Gerard, 57, of Grinnell died Friday, Dec. 17, of injuries sustained in a mishap on Interstate 80 near Grinnell.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. William Reynolds officiating. Organ music was by Marilyn Kriegel who also accompanied St. Mary's Choir. Pallbearers were Bob Christian, Gene Criswell, Cam D'Hooge, J.J. Gerard, Bob Newton, Donnie and Joe Patten and Derrick Verona. Honorary bearers were Dwayne Brecht, Norman Hall, Jim Miller and Jack Smothers. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bill Gerard Memorial Fund.

The son of Glen Earl and Frances Coraline Christian Gerard, he was born March 22, 1947, in Marengo. He received his education at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton. He was married to Linda Patten on July 22, 1972, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. They resided in Grinnell and he was employed at several Grinnell locations including the dining hall services at Grinnell College, DeLong Sportswear, HyVee Food Store, R&M Redemption Center and with Gordon Abel's roofing service. He also carried the *Des Moines Register* and the *Pennysaver*, assisted Norman Hall with his antique business and for 30 years operated his own lawn maintenance and snow-removal service.

He is survived by one son and two daughters, David Gerard, Christina Gerard and Heather Gerard, all of Grinnell; four grandchildren; his mother, Frances Gerard of Estes Park, Colo., and one brother James Gerard of Fort Collins, Colo. He was preceded in death by his father.

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William G. Gerard

William G. Gerard, 57, of Grinnell died Friday, Dec. 17, following an accident along Interstate 80 west of Grinnell.

A funeral mass for William Gerard will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Smith Funeral Home. Family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. that evening, and the visitation be followed by a vigil service, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the William Gerard Memorial Fund.

H.P. DEC. 20, 2004