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# **ROScoe EUGENE CATLETT**

Madrid



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survived by one brother; two daughters; one adopted son; and four grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for spring. The body was cremated.

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A spring 2004 memorial service, when friends and family may call, is being planned. Interment will be in Nevada Municipal Cemetery with Patricia Trevathan officiating.

He was born Aug. 4, 1936, in Iowa City, the son of Harry Ralph (Casper) Catlett and Mary Isabelle O'Bryant Catlett. He married Rebecca Pittman on April 23, 1965, at St. Paul's Methodist Church at Madrid. They divorced in 1985.

He drove semi trucks beginning at a very young age and owned his own service station in Cambridge. He built his own home and several garages in his lifetime, worked for Nelson Trucking and as a painter for Rolfs, both of Boone, as well as drove semis for Schwerman Concrete in Des Moines. For more than 30 years, he owned and operated Catlett Shoe Repair with stores in Madrid, Ankeny, Des Moines (two locations) and Boone after training under his father-in-law and buying out Madrid's Pittman Shoe Repair in the 1970s. He was a member of Local 90 union, often working as a driver seven days a week and repairing shoes at night.

He was named Madrid Jaycee of the Month in September 1977 and Jaycee of the Quarter in December 1977. He was baptized, along with his daughter Robin, at St. Paul's Methodist Church at Madrid. He was also active in Campfire Girls with his daughters. He enjoyed auctions, truck driving, WWE

wrestling and watching his granddaughter Jessica play sports.

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Survivors include his brother Ray Deo Catlett and family in Tacoma, Wash.; ex-wife Rebecca Pittman of Ames; two daughters and one son-in-law, his caregiver Mary Catlett of Madrid and Robin and Steve Borton of Boone; one "adopted" son, Warren and Tonya Chambers of Oakley; two nieces and one nephew, Judy Rainbolt Jarrett Lowe and David Ray Kemmerer of Nevada, Janet Lea Rainbolt Pinta Jacques and Marvin, their children Chelsea and Abigail Jacques of Ellsworth and Janet's oldest daughter Jennifer Christine Pinta of Memphis, Tenn.; one granddaughter, Jessica Borton of Boone and three "adopted" granddaughters, Cassie, Angie and Chevelle Chambers of Oakley; two cats; numerous friends and neighbors; and a host of doctors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Ada Rainbolt Kemmerer of Nevada, brother Robert Lee Catlett of Humeston, best friend (Alvin) Wayne Lowe, and "adopted" grandson Jeffrey Chambers.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be used at its discretion. Cards are welcome.

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