

Marshall County Sun

Thursday, April 16, 2009

DOUG KUNKEL, 52

Doug Kunkel, 52, of Newton, died early Saturday morning, April 11th, at his home while in the care of his loving family and the Jasper County Hospice.



A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, April 15th, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Haverhill with Fr. Don Czapla officiating. He was laid to rest in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. A fellowship followed the interment at the Haverhill shelter house in the park. The Mitchell Family Funeral home is caring for Doug and his family. Ph 641-844-1234. To celebrate his memory- take five minutes to appreciate and enjoy the outdoors this week.

Born on October 13th, 1956, in Marshalltown, he was the son of Elmer and Shirley (Malechek) Kunkel. He graduated from the Marshalltown High School in 1975 and later the University of Iowa with a degree in Economics and a minor in Archeology in 1980. Doug was a self-employed contractor and a Master Carpenter. His favorite times were camping on any stream or in any wooded area, canoeing and fishing the Iowa River and trout streams of Northeast Iowa. He also enjoyed the

pond and timber at the farm, and hunting Morel mushrooms. Doug loved having his family and friends join him and Laurie for cookouts and fireworks at the Kunkel farm. History, anthropology and genealogy occupied a lot of his time, as well as searching the fields and streams for Native American artifacts, and old records and cemeteries for past family and friends buried there.

Left to cherish his memory are Laurie, his loving wife whom he married in an outdoor ceremony at Wehrman's Prairie near Haverhill on August 29th, 1992; three children, Jason Matteson and his children Josie, Jackson and Jaydalin;

Ben (Dawn) Matteson and daughters, Emma and Chloe; and Casey Edwards all of Newton; his father, Elmer (Judy) Kunkel; sisters: Geri (Craig) Kunkel-Pierce; Mary Jo (Terry Young) Kunkel and family, all of Haverhill; step-brother, Tharren (Dawn) Keith and family of Washington, IA; step-sister, Tori Keith of Mesquite, TX; his mother-in-law, Mary Lou Norton; sisters-in-law, Peg Edel and family, all of Marshalltown; Nancy Ellis and family of Muscatine, IA; brothers-in-law, Doug (Jodi) Norton and family; Bob Norton, all of Marshalltown; and many relatives and a host of friends.

In death he has rejoined his mother, Shirley; father-in-law, Jim Norton; brother-in-law, Jim Edel and his grandparents.

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