



Ronald D. Plate

August 13, 1949 - February 22, 2013

Hedrick, Iowa

Visitation: opens after 1 P.M. with the family present from 5 - 7 P.M. to greet friends and relatives February 25, 2013 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Funeral Service: 10:00 A.M. February 26, 2013 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: Union Cemetery, Bloomfield, Iowa

Ronald Dean Plate, 63, of Hedrick died Friday, February 22, 2013 at his home. He was born Saturday, August 13, 1949 in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Paul and Velda Visser Plate. He graduated from the Fremont High School with the class of 1967. Following graduation he attended Indian Hills Community College for training as an automotive mechanic. On April 11, 1970, Ron was united in marriage to Marie Reese at Fremont Baptist Church in Fremont, Iowa. Ron worked as an auto mechanic at Century Motors in Sigourney and later at Duea Chevrolet in Albia for 3 years until he began farming with his

dad. In 1975, Ron bought his own farm near the airport in Ottumwa and farmed it until 1988. During that time he also worked at General Truck Lease for a couple of years. He later drove semi over the road for FP Corp. in Omaha, Nebraska. Ron later worked at Crouse Cartage Company and lastly at Dickey Transport in Packwood for 25 years. Ron enjoyed reading, westerns, classic rock music, NASCAR, collecting Dale Earnhardt memorabilia, and farming on Facebook.

Ron is survived by his wife: Marie Plate of Hedrick; 3 sons: Tim (& Michelle) Plate of University Park, Scott (& Saskija) Plate of Ottumwa, and Jeremy (& Tawny) Plate of Nashville, Tennessee; a daughter: Deanna (& Troy) Bemis of Oskaloosa; 10 grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; a step great granddaughter; a brother: Keith (& Carol) Plate of Iowa City and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister and her husband: Evelyn (& Gene) Severson.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 10 A.M. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel with Reverend Carla Nelson officiating. Burial will be in the Union Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin Monday after 1P.M. in the Fremont Funeral Chapel and the family will be present at the funeral chapel Monday from 5 – 7 P.M. to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the Ronald Plate Memorial Fund.