



David "Davey" Alan Heemsbergen, 62, of rural Selma passed away Sunday, August 16, 2015 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Kremer Funeral Home in Eldon, with burial to follow in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2015 beginning at noon with family present to greet friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kremer Funeral Home in Eldon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Wapello and Davis County in David's honor. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.kremerfh.com.

David "Davey" Alan Heemsbergen, was born March 2, 1953 in Sigourney, IA to Gerrit and Phyllis (Parcell) Heemsbergen. He grew up in Keokuk County until his parents purchased the farm near Selma in the mid 1960's. It was the farm that he called home from that day on. David was one of six siblings and attended Cardinal High School, graduating with the class of 1971. He then went on to Indian Hills in Ottumwa and became an Auto Body Technician. In 1978, David married Jeannie Bartell. Together they started a family, which gave David the gift of being a father. David and Jeannie later divorced, but his role as loving dad never wavered. David opened "Countryside Auto Body" which he operated for several years before returning to farming full time. He continued to work on vehicles of his own and for family throughout his life. David was especially proud of his 1954 Chevy Pickup, and the International B tractor that had been the first tractor he had learned to drive on. Davey also worked part-time for Jerry Potts while taking care of the row crops and livestock at home. He continued to work on the farm until his health no longer allowed him to do so. When Davey wasn't working on the farm or vehicles, you would most likely find him visiting with friends. He loved to visit. Whether at Chommy's for lunch, Denny's for coffee, or just in passing, David was always up for good conversation. In fact, he enjoyed it so much that when he was by himself he would listen to talk radio and never missed the 5 a.m. news. If there was something you wanted to know, there was a good chance he knew it. David participated in Ragbrai for several years and enjoyed cheering for Rusty Wallace during the NASCAR race. David was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend. The conversations at the local spots will continue, but not without many fondly spoken words of their good friend Davey.

David was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Gary Heemsbergen; and a neice, Heather Heemsbergen.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Heath Heemsbergen of Ottumwa, IA and Niki (Kassidy) Kirkpatrick of Selma, IA; four siblings, Dan (Leslie) Heemsbergen of Ottumwa, Cheryl (Dan) Thrasher of Chicago, IL, Curtis (Sherrie) Heemsbergen of Selma, and Craig (Peggy) Heemsbergen of Agency; six grandchildren, Kohlton, Karson, and Kenna Kirkpatrick and Rayna, Summer, and Ava Heemsbergen, as well as many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.