

Ronald Jones, 66

Aug. 28, 1941 - Jan. 28, 2008

ELK HORN — Ronald James Jones was born Aug. 28, 1941 near Havelock, IA to James and Elva (Lent) Jones. Ron grew up on the family farm outside of Mallard, IA and helped on the farm. He graduated from Mallard High School in 1959. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern College in Marshall, MN in 1972. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

Ron married Charlene Smith in 1960. To this marriage three children were born, Rod, Robin and Randy. He married Denice Gustafson in 1968. To this marriage two children were born, Kirsten and Daniel. He married Bar-

bara Lund in 1993. Ron taught biology for one year in LaCrescent, MN and he retained a strong interest in the biological sciences throughout his life. He was a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in the Fort Dodge area for many years. He left the Social Security Administration with a disability from a head injury in 1990. Ron was very dedicated, committed to quality work, taking pride in everything he did. Ron was very spiritual and had been an active church member in the different communities where he lived. Ron enjoyed gardening and tending to his flowers and vegetables. He also enjoyed fishing, photography and woodworking. From 1996 through 2002, he did extensive volunteer work for The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, IA. He was very skilled at carpentry work and built a fleet of display cases for the museum to use for its exhibitions. He assisted his wife, curator, Barbara Lund-Jones with exhibit installations and helped with numerous projects throughout the museum. He died Monday, January 28, 2008 at the Countryside Retirement Home in Sioux City following a long illness at age 66.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents and a grandson. Survivors are his wife, Barbara Lund-Jones of Atlantic, IA; five children, Rod Jones of Huxley, IA; Robin Bintz and her husband Forest of Lehigh, IA; Randy Jones and his wife Lisa of Cedar Rapids, IA; Kirsten Loofe and her husband Joseph of Sioux City; Daniel Jones and his wife Amy of Storm Lake, IA; one brother, Steve Jones and his wife Sandy of Havelock, IA; one sister: Sharon Arndt and her husband Jim of Fort Dodge, IA; 16 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2008 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Gowrie, IA with Rev. Jim Davis officiating. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to the Brain Injury Association of America or American



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