

## **Terry Steinkuehler, 41**

**June 9, 1970 - Oct. 4, 2011**

**DES MOINES** — Terrence

"Terry" Blue Steinkuehler, son of Fredrick L. and Susan (Miller) Steinkuehler, was born June 9, 1970 in Sac City. He died on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at his home in Des Moines at the age of 41 from heart complications.

Terry received his education at Harlan Community Schools and Armstrong-Ringsted Schools graduating in 1989. He then attended Iowa Lakes Community College graduating with a degree in heavy equipment mechanics. Terry had resided in Des Moines for the past 15 years and was



employed by J.C. Tree Service as the heavy equipment mechanic, but did numerous other jobs as needed. Terry was a very respected diesel heavy equipment mechanic in the Des Moines area and was relied on by many companies for his knowledge. Outside of work, Terry had many interests and acquaintances from around the world... attending and helping at Top Fuel Drag Races and was good friends with many drivers; driving, redesigning and custom building MoPar and HEMI Motors; working with Stihl Chain Saws, where he had an amazing talent for developing high performance and power for loggers in Canada, Africa, Australia and the Northern Hemisphere. He had an ongoing passion for his 1973 Plymouth Roadrunner that he was building into a show quality custom drag racing car. He owned this car in high school, sold it and years later found it again and spent hours with it. Terry loved the movies...attending movies of any kind, from Lion King or Fools Rush In, to any movies currently in the theatre today. He has watched so many movies, he should have been a movie critic, the theatre will miss him. Terry was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Ringsted.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Fredrick Steinkuehler of Harlan, paternal grandparents, Robert and Gertrude Steinkuehler of Sac City, and maternal grandparents, Randall Miller and Ardith Miller Hutchinson of Ringsted. Left to cherish Terry's memory are his mother, Susan Mueller and her husband, Derald of Ringsted; sister, Cami Paulson and her husband, Ryan of Armstrong; step-sisters, Kim Parker and her husband, Jon of Rogers, MN; Holly Neusch and her husband, Justin of Fairmont, MN; his 7 nieces and nephews, Andrea, Alyssa, Chase, Dakota, Katelyn, Ryanna and Hannah; his faithful and loving companion, his cat Zeus; aunts, uncles and cousins. Terry will be missed by many family, friends, coworkers, acquaintances from all over the country.

Visitation was held Friday, October 7, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Ringsted. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Ringsted.