



## **Obituary for Richard Leroy Riker**

Richard Leroy Riker, 67, of Jewell, passed away February 10, 2017. Following his wishes, he has been cremated.

A Gathering of Friends and Family will be Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 4 until 6 p.m. at Schroeder-Reimers Memorial Chapel at Sixth and Marshall in Boone.

Richard was born on April 13, 1949, in Boone, Iowa, the son of John and Ilamae (Klousia) Riker. He was an avid music fan and car enthusiast. Richard enjoyed going to concerts, especially Lynyrd Skynyrd. Richard and his children made seeing Lynyrd Skynyrd a yearly memory. In the latter years, adding his brothers, nieces and nephews made it a regular Riker family outing. Richard loved meeting new people, visiting his friends and brothers, fishing, and watching/attending NHRA Drag Races. He enjoyed going to casinos, socializing and entertaining friends with inappropriate jokes and lively stories. Those inappropriate jokes and lively stories are how most people remember meeting Richard, especially friends of his children. Richard was also well known for his Hawaiian shirts and bib overalls. It didn't matter the time of the year, Hawaiian shirts were always appropriate to wear.

Richard drove truck for Land O Lakes for many years and continued to drive until he was hired at Iowa State University, where he eventually retired.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom and infant daughter, Nicolette. He is survived by his wife Denise (Kimberley) Riker of Jewell; son, Rusty Riker of Ames; daughter, Casey Riker of Ankeny; three brothers, Donald, John Irving and Stephen and many nieces and nephews.