



## Randy Lee DeJong

July 1, 1957 - November 19, 2013

Randy DeJong, 56, of Leighton passed away November 19, 2013, at the Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Randal Lee DeJong, son of Francis Lee and Cleora Helen (Van Kooten) DeJong, was born July 1, 1957, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He was a graduate of Oskaloosa Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School in 1975. He attended Indian Hills for two years where he studied agriculture. Following his education, Randy returned to farming, an occupation he loved and that lasted his lifetime. Agriculture was not just an occupation for Randy; it was his way of life. He enjoyed the science behind cultivating crops, conservation of the land, and raising healthy animals; but working the land and caring for his live stock were labors of love for him.

Randy married Claudia Briggs and to that union, a daughter was born. He was then married to Dena Ferguson and to that union three children were born. April 23, 2004, Randy married Kristin Lea Buwalda.

His family includes his wife of nine years, Kristin of Leighton, Iowa; his children: Jessica Jean (Zach) Flaherty of West Des Moines; Stephanie (Scott) Kløver of Granger; Sharilyn (Eric) Brown of Crowley, TX and a step-daughter, Morgan Van Maanen of Leighton; five grandchildren: Aleixa and Bentley Flaherty, Maddison Brown, Autumn Jo Kløver and soon-to-be-born grandson, Wyatt Lee Brown; his parents, Fran and Cleora DeJong of Leighton; sisters: Karen (Dan) Fynaardt of Oskaloosa and Belinda (Earl) Ramirez of Oskaloosa; and a brother, Jim (Amy) DeJong of Pella.

Randy was preceded in death by a daughter, Stacy DeJong.

Funeral Services for Randy will be held privately. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Friday morning, November 22, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will be present from 4-7 p.m. to greet visitors. Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

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# Tribute Wall



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