

Darrell “Dinko” Dee Hunter, 74, of Cambridge, died on August 25, 2026, at Mary Greeley Medical Center. He was born on August 14, 1952, in Ames, Iowa, to Peter “Frank” Hunter and Elizabeth Bosworth.

Darrell graduated from Gilbert High School in 1970 and went on to build a long and steady career with the City of Ames. He worked there for 45 years and retired in 2017 as the Assistant Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. His years of service reflected the reliability and dedication that marked so much of his life.

On June 9, 1984, Darrell married Kelley Rae Haberkorn at Cambridge United Methodist Church in Cambridge. Their marriage was a lasting and meaningful part of his life.

Darrell was a man who enjoyed working with his hands and spending time in his shop tinkering. He loved NASCAR, especially following Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt. His lifelong love of racing began with local dirt tracks and later took him to NASCAR venues, including Kansas Speedway, where he had proudly attended every year since its inaugural season in 2001. He also enjoyed classic cars and attended the Good Guys Car Show each year and was looking forward to restoring his many Dodge Polaras. The outdoors brought him great happiness, especially time spent in Colorado. He enjoyed camping, trains, going for drives, and watching birds, with orioles and hummingbirds being among his favorites.

He is survived by his wife, Kelley Hunter of Cambridge; his children, Angela (Chris) Rardin of Nevada, Jesse (Jacob) Golly of Pioneer, Tennessee, Mindi Hunter of Boone, and Christopher Hunter (Kristen Elfritz) of Cedar Falls; and his grandchildren, Makayla Rardin, Bailey Barber, Rylee Steffes, Brayton Rardin, Laine, Cadence, Hannah, Brandon Golly, Lillian Janssen, and Hudson Hunter. He is also survived by his brothers, Renal “Ronald” Hunter of Boone, Darwin “Dar” Hunter and his wife Denise of Story City, and Gale Hunter and his wife Anita of Jewell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter “Frank” and Elizabeth Hunter; and his brother, Francis “George” Hunter.

Darrell will be remembered for his steady work, his love of family, and the simple pleasures that meant so much to him—time outdoors, a drive on the open road, the excitement of a race, and the satisfaction of tinkering in the shop. His memory will be cherished by those who knew and loved him.



In Loving Memory

**DARRELL “DINKO”
HUNTER**

AUGUST 14, 1952 - AUGUST 25, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE
11 A.M. SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
RASMUSSEN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME
OFFICIATING CLERGY - CHAPLAIN DAVID BURLING

The Chain

We knew little that morning that
God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems to be the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.



Until We Meet Again

We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
And you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
To walk and guide us through our lives,
Until we meet again!

Celebrating the Life of *Darrell “Dinko” Dee Hunter*

Born

August 14, 1952 - Ames, Iowa

Died

August 25, 2026 - Ames, Iowa

Visitation

5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, August 28, 2026
Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home - Nevada, Iowa

Recorded Music

“In the Garden” - Alan Jackson
“Go Rest High on That Mountain” - Vince Gill

Honorary Casket Bearers

†Francis “George” Hunter
Renal “Ronald” Hunter
Darwin “Dar” Hunter
Gale Hunter

Inurnment - At a Later Date

Center Grove Cemetery
Cambridge, Iowa