Dr. Kevin W. Sterk

Dr. Kevin W. Sterk, 40, of Pella, formerly of Grinnell, died Friday, July 9, 2010, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Raymond Lott, retired, officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, July 16, from 12 noon until 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Kevin Sterk Memorial Fund.

Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Kevin W. Sterk Memorial Fund.

He was born July 28, 1969, in Grinnell, the son of Glenn Allen and Ginger Lynn Armstrong Sterk. He was a 1987 graduate of Grinnell High School and in 1991 received his Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies from Grinnell College. He was employed for several years at Principal Financial Services in Des Moines, then attended the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Des Moines University, graduating in 2000.

He served a one-year residency at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines, then a three-year residency at the Wichita, Kan., Psychiatric Hospital plus an additional year of forensic psychiatry training in Cincinnati, Ohio. He then became a psychiatrist in the Ohio State Prison System. In 2007 he moved to Pella where he was medical director in the geriatric psychiatric unit at Mahaska County Hospital in Oskaloosa with a focus on forensic and neuro-psychiatry.

He enjoyed travel, was an avid Chicago White Sox fan and a voracious reader.

He is survived by his parents, Glenn and Ginger Sterk of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by an infant twin brother and his grandparents; Melvin and Viola Armstrong and Corinne and Minnie Sterk.
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Kevin loved to travel and had traveled extensively throughout the United States. He was an avid Chicago White Sox fan and a voracious reader. He loved his dogs, antique shopping, and enjoyed trying to learn something new every day. He was compassionate toward others and was always respectful of his staff and peers.

Survivors include his parents, Glenn and Ginger Sterk of Grinnell, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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