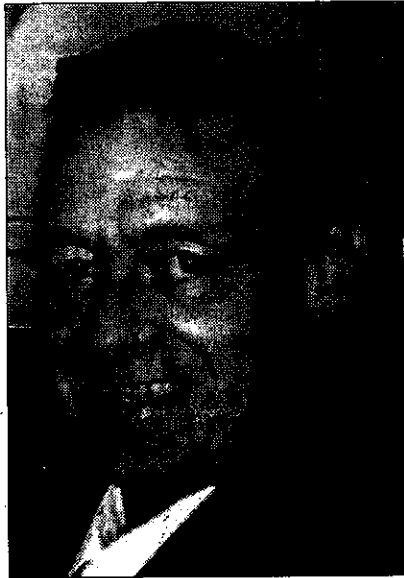


Jim A. Borchers



Jim A. Borchers, 56, of Grinnell, died on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 30, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Craig Peters officiating. Pallbearers were Clint Crawford, Jordan Dean, Lance DeVries, Wayne Van Mersbergen, Donald Fenton, and Rob Taylor. Honorary bearer was Dr. Robert McDonough. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project and sent in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Jim was born Sept. 15, 1955, in Hampton, the son of Alvin and Donna Cheney Borchers. He was raised in Newton and was a 1973 graduate of Newton High School. He completed

his Bachelor's degree at Central College in Pella in 1977.

After his education, he began his 35 year career with Grinnell Mutual Re-insurance Company where he was assistant vice-president of claims. He lived in Fairfield from 1980 to 1988 and moved to Grinnell in 1988.

On Feb. 20, 2004, he was united in marriage with Jan Pettit, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

Jim was a former chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Party and former president of S.E. Iowa Claims Association, and Sons of American Legion. He was a current member of the Sons of the American Legion.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, held a passion for Cadillacs and was a big NASCAR fan, and also enjoyed golf and country music.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jan Borchers of Grinnell; three daughters, Michelle Crawford of Eldridge, Jennifer Dean of Rock Island, Ill., and Amanda DeVries of Pella; seven grandchildren; three step-children; five step-grandchildren; one sister, Sharon Bergeson of Runnells; and one brother, Arnold Borchers of West Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his parents. *GHR 5-28-12-2012*