

Record 6-7-2012



ALLAN RAY LESTER

Allan Ray Lester, 63 of Aplington, formerly of Brooklyn, died May 31, at the Grinnell Hospital. Services were June 4 at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with Rev. John Reynolds, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Allan Ray Lester was born Nov. 26, 1948 in Montezuma, the son of Virgil and Dorothy McMahan Lester. He was graduated from Montezuma High School with the class of 1967. He attended Iowa State University for two years.

Al married Wanda Kasal June 14, 1969, making their home in Brooklyn. Three children were born to this marriage, Christopher Allan, Nichole Dawn and

Nathan Luther.

While living in Brooklyn, he was an active member of Ruritan Club and served several years on the BGM school board. He worked all of his years in marketing for various feed and seed companies.

In 1992 they moved to Aplington. Following his retirement in 2011, he took a part time position of receptionist/ office manager of Nathan's Chiropractic office in Grinnell. He loved being around people. Grinnell was where he found his extended family, several AA support groups. He was the old timer with 24 years of sobriety and was actually with this group when he crossed over.

Al loved music, attending sporting events of his children and grandchildren and traveling with his family. The last seven years of his life, he and Wanda spent several summer weeks in Hawaii—"their corner of Paradise".

Allan is survived by his wife Wanda of Aplington; a daughter Nichole Lebeda and husband Mike of Urbandale; a son Nathan Lester of Grinnell; grandsons, Ethan Lebeda, Noah Lebeda and Briar Lester; a sister Barb Ku of Riverside, CA, three special sisters-in-law, Catherine McCluskey of Cedar Rapids, Pam Bannon of Marion and Amy Kirkey of West Branch; along with many nieces nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Christopher in 1976, his dad Virgil Lester in 1985, his mom, Dorothy Lester in 2009, father-in-law Melvin Kasal in 2003, his mother-in-law Rozelle Kasal in 2008.

6-6-2012

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Allan Ray Lester, age 63, of Aplington, formerly of Brooklyn, died Thursday, May 31, 2012, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 4, at the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Reynolds, Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery, Brooklyn. A memorial fund has been established.



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Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

Allan Ray Lester



GHR 6-4-2012

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