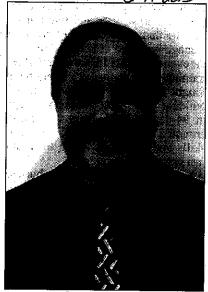
Russ Brian Peter



Russ Brian Peter, 56, of Oshkosh, and formerly of Grinnell, died unexpectedly at his home on Friday, Feb. 8, 2013.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, 2580 W Ninth Ave., at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Timothy Routh officiating. Family and friends may call at the church on Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. Burial will be in the Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell, on Friday, Feb. 15, with a graveside service at 2 p.m. and reception to follow at St. John's Lutheran Church.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1956 in Grundy Center, the son of Merlin and Darlene Brouwer Peter. He married Natalie Politz, on Aug. 5, 1978 in Alden, Minn.

Russ was a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and had worked for Maytag Co. for over 34 years which included living in California, Minnesota, Indiana, Iowa, and Michigan before moving to Wisconsin to take a new position as the director of product development for Alliance Laundry Systems.

Inhis high school years Russ excelled at basketball and set a school record of 33 rebounds that still stands. He coached his kids in AAU basketball and was president of both the Boys' and Girls' Booster Clubs at Lakeshore High School in Stevensville, Mich. Russ was president of St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell, and recently joined Calvary Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Wis. In his spare time Russ avidly supported the Towal Hawkeyes and Cardinary Packers, he was also a history buff and enjoyed reading his bible.

Survivors include his wife, Natalie of Oshkosh; parents, Merlin and Darlene Peter of Urbandale; son, Troy Peter of Cedar Rapids; daughters, Nicole Whitehead of Waterloo, Lindsay Benge of Shakopee, Minn., and Courtney Peter of Stevensville, Mich; three grandchildren; his brother, Greg Peter of Lee's Summit, Mo.; sister, Kim Murphy of Bozeman, Mont.; and many other relatives and friends.