Stephen Rex "Virg" Heishman, 59 of Brooklyn, died Saturday, June 14, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 20, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Lake Community Center, with Rev. John Reynolds officiating. This will be followed by a casual and informal celebration of Virg's life, and meals. The family will take Virg's "final" cruise around the lake following the memorial service and will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, is assisting the family with arrangements.

He is survived by his mother Nancy Tebbenhoff (Carl) of Dupo, Ill., his loving sisters, Susan Hopwood (Ken) of Brooklyn, Brenda Hagedorn (Dan) of Grinnell, and Kristi Chadester (Willy) of Brooklyn; his nieces and nephews and their families; Nathan (Niki) Hopwood, and children Gracie Kelly-Hawkins, Ryan Hopwood, all of Brooklyn, Andrea Long and children, Holden, Jack, and Lake, all of West Des Moines, Tricia Allin (Eric Smith), and children, Autumn Waterbeck, Faith Allen and Paisley Smith of Bismarck, ND, Derek Hiner (Stephanie Graham) of Johnston, IA and children Hunter Hiner and Jayden Graham, Brandon Mikkel, Mariah Mikkel, all of Grinnell, Dennis (Jacque) Hagedorn, Brandon Mikkel, and children Elijah of Kirkville, MO, and Clint Hagedorn of Ames, Emily Chadester, and children Brayden Good of Grinnell. Also surviving are many aunts and uncles, and cousins all over this grand nation. He is also survived by so many friends that were as close as family or even closer, too many to list, but remembered and appreciated by his family.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Mary Jane Goodrich Heishman, and a brother-in-law, Doug Mikkel, and his grandparents.

Stephen Rex Heishman was born Sept. 5, 1954 in Fort Smith, Ark., to Virgil Rex and Nancy Patten Heishman. In 1956, his sister Susan Jane was born, and the family made their home in Brooklyn.

Stephen's parents later divorced. His father remarried Mary Jane Goodrich-Butler and sisters Lori Lynni and Brenda. In 1963, Kristi Lee was born. Stephen graduated from BGM High School in 1972. He went to work in Illinois, returning a few years later. He was employed with Manatt's for 30 years, becoming superintendent of the seal coating crew. Steve had made his home at Holiday Lake for 20 years, and had recently purchased a home in Mercedes, Texas, so he could golf year round.

Steve loved and was loved by so many people. When he made a friend, he was your friend forever. He loved the Denver Broncos, fantasy football, his Sunday Ticket NFL package, the Iowa Hawkeyes, loud music and bongo drums. He enjoyed cruising around the lake on his golf cart and loved playing golf. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. Steve made daily trips to the farm this past spring to check on the planting, and he tried to make it to the Tap to see his friends, especially Jamie Manatt, a daughter he never had.

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