JON R. PETERSON, 58, of Montezuma, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2014, in the Hospice Unit of Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell, after suffering with cancer for three years. Funeral services were on Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma in a luncheon following in the fellowship hall of the church. As for Jon’s wish, a cremation took place following the service and a private family burial will be held in the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in the “Jon Peterson Memorial Fund” to be used to honor his name at the Iowa State Fair. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcofburialhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

He was born November 18, 1955, in Aledo, Ill., to Herbert F. and Mildred E. Hicks Peterson. He resided in Aledo in his earlier years, moving to Oskaloosa, in the late 1960s. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School, Oskaloosa in 1973.


He started helping on the farm at a young age for John VanGendren, Unionville, Mo. He later worked with his family, Sylvan and Rachel VeVerka, on their rural Montezuma farm. Following high school, he worked for Manatt’s on the road crew, later becoming the tire shop manager in Brooklyn. Presently, he was an Account Consultant Manager for Allied Oil and Supply, Inc. in Des Moines. He covered accounts statewide. He was currently ranked third top consultant for the entire company and first in his district, a distinction he worked hard to achieve and always strived to better himself. He continued to work up until his illness would not allow him to travel any longer. His last working day was August 8, 2014.

Jon loved to attend the Iowa State Fair every year and was at the fair this year on two occasions. He was a member of the Fair’s Blue Ribbon Foundation for several years and enjoyed camping with friends from various parts of the state. He loved to golf, snow ski in Colorado, participate in the Pony Express, Figure 8 races, pool and dancing. He will be remembered for his humor, quick wit, and caring for others. He loved to spend time with his family and friends, especially enjoying his grandchildren.

He survives by his wife, Lindy, of Montezuma; daughter, Amy (Erik) Stout, of Oskaloosa; son, Michael J. Peterson, of Deep River; three grandsons, Dawson Davis, Hunter Davis and Scott Stout; two sisters, Jan Feehan and Janne Davis, of Oskaloosa; many nieces, nephews, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Peterson and Mildred Hicks Peterson; grandparents, Albert John and Edith Peterson, of Aledo, Ill., and John and Emma Hicks, of Montezuma; brothers-in-law, Allen Feehan and James G. Day; nieces, uncles, aunts and cousins.