

## Michael J. Manatt

Michael John Manatt, 52, of Brooklyn died Friday, July 1, 2005, of a massive heart attack.

A visitation was held at Manatts Inc.'s corporate offices in Brooklyn on Tuesday, July 5, from 2 to 8 p.m., with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. A memorial service was held at Manatts' corporate offices on Wednesday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m.

He was born on June 23, 1953, to Clair and Ruth Backen Manatt. He graduated from BGM High School in 1971 and went on to receive a degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University in 1975. While he was there, he met JoAnn Howell, whom he married on Aug. 2, 1975. The couple had four sons, Adam, Brian, Gregory and Erik.

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Inc., and earned his professional engineering (PE) license. He was vice president of Manatts Inc. and ran the PCC paving and projects division.

He was the immediate past president of Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Iowa. He was a member of numerous professional and community groups, including the board of directors of Patriot Bank, Norris Asphalt Paving Co., L.L. Pelling and the board of the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation. He was a member of the GC of Iowa, the Iowa Concrete Paving Association (of which he was also a past-president) and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

He was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. His work was his passion. Employees of Manatts Inc. were like a second family to him. He was always thinking of new ways to improve the industry he loved and was especially proud of the collaboration on the Paradigm recycling system. He considered fellow contractors to be friends and through the AGC he strove to improve relationships between everyone in the construction industry.

Even though he was busy with work and professional commitments, he attended his sons' events, from football games to band concerts and speech contests. He enjoyed riding his Harley, scuba diving and spending time with his family. He loved to travel and enjoyed exploring new places.

He is survived by his wife; his sons, Adam of West Des Moines and Brian, Gregory and Erik of Brooklyn; his siblings, Curt of Johnston, Alan of Tama, Jerry of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Ann Doolin of Hayden, Colo., and Brannian of Brooklyn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Thomas.

The family requested that, in lieu of flowers or plants, those wishing to pay tribute to make a donation in his honor. Donations to the Michael J. Manatt Memorial Fund may be sent care of Patriot Bank, PO Box 5307, Brooklyn, Iowa 52211.

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Mike was born June 23, 1953, to Clair and Ruth (Backen) Manatt. He graduated from BGM High School in 1971, and he went on to receive a degree in civil engineering from Iowa State University in 1975. While he was there, he met the love of his life, the one who would love and support him through everything that was to come. On August 2, 1975, he wed JoAnn Howell, with whom he had four sons: Adam, 26; Brian, 24; Gregory, 19; and Erik, 16.



After working for a civil engineering firm in the Chicago area for two years, he rejoined the family business, Manatts Inc., and he earned his professional engineering (PE) license. Mike was vice president of Manatts Inc., and he ran the PCC paving and projects division of the company. He was the immediate past president of Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Iowa at the time of his passing.

Mike was the member of numerous professional and community groups. He was a member of the board of directors at Patriot Bank, Norris Asphalt Paving Co., L.L. Pelling, and the Foundation Board of the Grinnell Regional Hospital, and he was an active member of AGC of Iowa, Iowa Concrete Paving Association (of which he was a past president), and Saint Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mike was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. His work was not just a job; it was his passion. The employees of Manatts Inc. were like a second family to him. He was always thinking of new and innovative ways to improve the industry he loved so much, and he was especially proud of the collaboration on the Paradigm recycling system. Mike always considered his fellow contractors to be friends rather than competitors, and through the AGC, he strove to improve the relationships between all of the people in the construction industry.

Even though Mike was always busy with work and professional commitments, he never missed one of his sons' events. From football games to band concerts and speech contests, he was always there supporting them. Family always came first. Mike enjoyed riding his Harley, scuba diving, and spending time with his family. He loved sipping mojitos and watching the sunset over the ocean. Mike loved to travel. From the thrill of takeoff to making friends in foreign lands, he enjoyed exploring new places.

Mike is survived by his wife, JoAnn; his sons, Adam of West Des Moines, and Brian, Gregory, and Erik of Brooklyn; his siblings, Curt of Johnston, Alan (Janet) of Tama, Jerry of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Ann (Doug) Doolin of Hayden, Colorado, and Mary (Barry) Kinsey of Lucas; sister-in-law Linda of Ames; close family friend Don Brannian of Brooklyn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Nevenhoven Funeral Services of Brooklyn is in charge of arrangements.

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