Brian L. Porath, 58

Brian L. Porath, 58, of Grinnell, died on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held Friday, November 18, 2016, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church with Rev. Ron Hodges, pastor of the church, officiating. Music will be provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist, and St. Mary’s Choir. Casket Bearers will be Colman Dietze, Mark Dietze, and Trever White. Interment will be at a later date at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

A rosary was recited by the Knights of Columbus Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the church. The family was present at the church from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be directed to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

Brian was born on June 10, 1958, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Richard and Carol Starkey Porath. The family moved to Carroll, Iowa, where he attended schools and he later graduated with the Class of 1976 from Wheeling High School in Wheeling, IL. Following his education, he served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Macdonough.

On October 1, 1988, he was united in marriage to Rachel Holder at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple lived in Grinnell and he worked for the Frolo Lay Company for several years. He also assisted Scott Schmidt with farming and Jim Buffum at the Grinnell Bowladrome. Recently, he worked as a truck driver for the Manatt Corporation.

Brian was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. His hobbies included bowling, attending movies, playing poker and caring for his neighbors’ driveways and lawns. He will be remembered by his family as a very devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Rachel; two daughters, Leslie Porath of Grinnell and Sallie (Colman) Dietze of Holiday Lake near Brooklyn, IA; two grandchildren, Boston and Nolan; and two sons-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.