Steven Renbarger, 59, of Grinnell, died on November 2, 2017, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

A memorial gathering was held from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with his family present from 4:00 to 6:00 Sunday afternoon.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Save the Salt Foundation, a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. Condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Steve was born on March 20, 1958, in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Jerry Renbarger and Carol Farmer Thomas. While his dad served in the Air Force, his family lived in several states prior to moving to Grinnell in 1962. He was a 1977 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was baptized at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Eufaula, Alabama, and confirmed at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell.

On June 7, 1980, he was united in marriage with Karen Sue Cline, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple eventually made their home in Grinnell where they raised their three children. Steve was employed for many years with Nortel Networks, installing telephone equipment and had traveled throughout the U.S. working for the company. He was later employed with Aureon Technology, an internet cable provider.

He was a member and past treasurer of the Grinnell Car Club.

Steve held a passion for cars and motorcycles and loved working on them. He enjoyed land speed racing, traveling, especially to the Bonneville Salt Flats, and car shows. He also enjoyed hanging out with his family and friends in his garage.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Grinnell; three children, Kyle Renbarger of Las Vegas, Abby (Matt) Moyer of Grinnell and Emily Renbarger of Grinnell; his grandson, Aiden of Grinnell; his mother, Carol (Mike) Thomas of Yankton, South Dakota; his father, Jerry Renbarger of Grinnell; one brother, Mike (Jean) Renbarger of Chamberlain, South Dakota; one sister, Kathy (Troy) Andrews of Coralville; his step-grandmother, Bernadine Thomas of Parkston, South Dakota; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.