Paul Dean ‘Butch’ Frascht

Paul Dean “Butch” Frascht, 72, of Grinnell died on July 7, 2019, at his home.

A funeral mass is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 12, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell with Fr. Ross Epping, St. Mary Catholic Church, and Fr. Steve Witt of St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church, Iowa City, officiating. Burial of his ashes will be held in both Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell and Rock Creek Cemetery near Grinnell.

Visitation with the family present was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Paul Frascht Memorial Fund.

Paul was born on November 18, 1946, in Charles City, the son of Leo Matthew and Laura Josephine Osier Frascht. He was raised on a farm in the Marble Rock and Rockford area and was a 1965 graduate of Rockford High School. He then attended Hamilton Business College in Mason City.

On July 23, 1966, he was united in marriage with Cheryl Ellen Davis, in Osage. The couple made their home in Grinnell where they raised their four children. Paul was employed as an accountant with Pow-Jasper Farm Services in Grinnell. Following Cheryl’s death in 1988, he was united in marriage with Karen Andrews Whitehead, on June 7, 1991, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell. He was employed with Pow-Jasper Farm Service for several more years and retired from there after 29 years. He later was employed with Morrison Repair and as an accountant for the City of Grinnell.

Paul was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus and was an active participant on both the KC bowling and softball (pitcher) teams. He was also a member of the Grinnell Eagles Club. He was a fan of John Wayne and western movies, and an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and Green Bay Packers. He enjoyed fishing and his trips to Canada, hunting and camping at Rock Creek Lake. But, what he enjoyed most was cooking for his family and all the activities they shared together.

Survivors include his wife Karen of Grinnell; six children, Jason (Dee) Frascht of Chattanooga, Oklahoma, Joel (Lori) Frascht of Knoxville, Dale (Tina) Frascht of Grinnell and Deanna Frascht of Grinnell, Frank (Sunita) Whitehead of Knoxville and Mark Whitehead of Des Moines; two brothers, Richard “Swede” (Sharon) Frascht of Greene and Carl “Tuff” Frascht of Council Bluffs; two sisters, Anne Frascht of Charles City and Carol Nunes of Palm Desert, California; 15 grandchildren; Jerome, Christina, Chandra, Haley, Megan, CJ, Adam, Cara, Austin, Serena, Maury, Tanner, Morgan, Jordon and Bradley; and ten great-grandchildren, Grady, Haiden, Cooper, Jasper, Adelie, Hayley, Carley, Demetri, Tegan, Devin and Deon. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Cheryl; a grandchild, Anthony; three sisters, Florence Crabtree, Louise Wagner, and Helen Hovey; his father-in-law, Warren (Sally) Davis; his mother-in-law, June Davis; and Karen’s parents, Kenneth and Alma Andrews.