

## Matt S. Peiffer



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A celebration of his life will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020, at the Grinnell Christian Church with Fr. Ross Epping, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell, officiating. A reception will follow the service and will be held in the Family Life Center (gymnasium) of the Christian Church. Those attending the service and reception will be required to wear a face mask. Matt's service will be live streamed on the Smith Funeral Home Facebook page.

A public visitation was scheduled to be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Those attending the visitation will be required to wear a face mask.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Matt Peiffer Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations designated by Matt's family. Memories and condolences may be shared with Matt's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com). The Peiffer family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the community for the many acts of kindness, prayer, and comfort provided to them.

Matthew Simpson Peiffer was born the son of Elmer Paul Peiffer and Bonnie J. (Simpson) Peiffer on April 2, 1956, in Washington, Iowa. He was raised in Washington and Grinnell, Iowa, respectively, and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1974. During his high school years, he worked for Eekerman Jewelry. He attended Benedictine College in Archison, Kansas, where he met the love of his life, Ann Louise Bunch.

Matt was united in marriage to Ann on July 31, 1977, at St. Sophia Cathedral in Los Angeles, California. The couple lived in Los Angeles until 1983, when they moved to Grinnell. Matt joined the family business, Poweshiek Abstract, which was founded by his mother in 1974. For nearly 40 years, Matt has provided abstracting services to those in Poweshiek County. He was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church. He was also a member of Grinnell Country Club, where he served as past president, Iowa Land Title Association, Grinnell Chamber of Commerce, Pheasants Forever, and St. Francis Manor.

Matt knew the fundamentals of life: the strong love of family, devoted faith in Christ, being a loyal, genuine friend, and enjoying the tranquility of the outdoors. He loved the holidays, especially Christmas, when the family would gather at their house and he would read "The Night Before Christmas" to his grandchildren, with them snuggling next to him in their pajamas. His presence brought calmness, good times, comfort, and good conversation. He enjoyed golfing, pheasant hunting, fishing, smoking meats for family meals, cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes, taking weekend trips with Ann, attending Sunday matinees, and taking a good nap. Matt's legacy will be everlasting and carried on through those who were blessed by his kindness, his quick wit, his honesty, his voice of reason, his love, and his patience.

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