

Bill Walter



Keith Bill Walter, 63, of Grinnell died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at his home, surrounded by his family and under the care of Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Funeral services for Bill Walter were held today (Monday) at 10:30 a.m., at the Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. John Epperson officiating.

He was born April 12, 1943, in Castalia, Iowa, to Karl and Minerva Walter. He spent his earliest years in Postville, where he attended public school through the eighth grade. He moved to Decorah and attended Decorah High School, where he met his future wife, Carolyn Tieskotter. They graduated together with the Decorah High School Class of 1961.

The couple married in 1964, while he attended the University of Iowa, majoring in business and instrumental music. He was a proud member of the University of Iowa marching and symphony bands, where he played the tuba.

After leaving Iowa City in 1974, he became a sales representative for Jockey International, working out of Warren, Ohio, and later Omaha, Neb. He moved to Grinnell in 1978 and opened a men's clothing store, Bill's Red Hanger. He also handled tuxedo rentals and tailoring; he later opened Bill's Tailor Shop.

He appreciated the opportunity to make the lives of others better in any way. He enjoyed his friends, wood-working, golf and all kinds of music, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed vacationing on the shores of North Carolina with his family.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Traci Walter of Grinnell and Kelli Day of Davenport; three granddaughters; a sister, Maureen Lien of Fairfield, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wayne Walter.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grinnell High School music department and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home. Condolences may be submitted to the family via the website www.smithfh.com.

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A funeral service will be held Monday, Dec. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Grinnell Christian Church. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home Sunday beginning at 12 noon with family members present from 2 to 5 p.m. Online condolences may be submitted to the family on the Smith Funeral Home website www.smithfh.com.