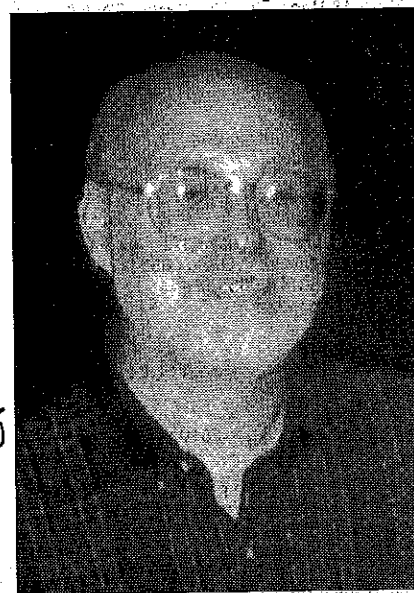


He started his professional life with New York Life as an insurance agent in Cranbury and surrounding communities. He returned to Grinnell with his young family in 1976 where they have made their home since.

He owned and operated Town Square Travel in Newton for many years before closing the business in 2004. He and his family could often be found traveling. They completed a trip through Europe and the Middle East in 1985, visiting 12 countries in three months. Later he embarked on a number of cross country road trips with his wife and children to explore the great national parks and mountain states.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Capers; his daughter Celeste Capers of St. Louis, Mo.; and his sister Stacy DeCardenas of Coral Gables, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Veronica Capers, and his two sons, Justin and Andrew Capers.

Fred Wallis Capers, Jr.



Fred Wallis Capers, Jr., 62, of Grinnell died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Grinnell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Organ music was provided by Bill Tinker and vocal music by Milton Severe. Pallbearers were Andrew Barnum, Jim Griggs, Douglas Brockman, Scott Ross, Tom Wolff, Jim White, Gary Wilkinson, Ozzie Austin, Dale Lamb, and Jerry Sale. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Drake Community Library in his name.

The son of Fred Wallis and Veronica Brown Capers, he was born June 23, 1947, in San Francisco, Calif. He spent his childhood in Princeton, N.J., Key West, Fla., and Miami, Fla. before attending Miami Dade Community College and the University of Florida. He spent the next two years studying meditation and holistic medicine at the Edgar Cayce foundation in Virginia Beach, Va. He met his future wife, Susan Heffner, while visiting with Gary Wilkinson of Grinnell, in early 1974 and they were united in marriage on Nov. 9, 1974 in Princeton, N.J. The couple initially made their home in Cranbury, N.J. where they had three children, a set of triplets.

Fred W. Capers

Fred W. Capers, 62, of Grinnell, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to service time Saturday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Drake Community Library in Grinnell.