

## Collision claims life of local man

A collision at First Ave. and Broad St. in Grinnell on Friday, Aug. 27, sent two Grinnell residents to the hospital. The driver of the motorcycle involved in the accident, Todd Peak, subsequently died of injuries received in the accident.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, at a little after 2 p.m. on Aug. 27, Peak was driving his Harley-Davidson west on First Ave. approaching Broad St. His wife Susan was a passenger on the

motorcycle. At the same time Marlene Parmley, 69, of Grinnell was approaching the same intersection. She was driving her Chevy Equinox eastbound on First Ave.

Parmley began a left-hand turn onto Broad St., and the two vehicles collided in an offset head-on accident in the intersection. Grinnell police called

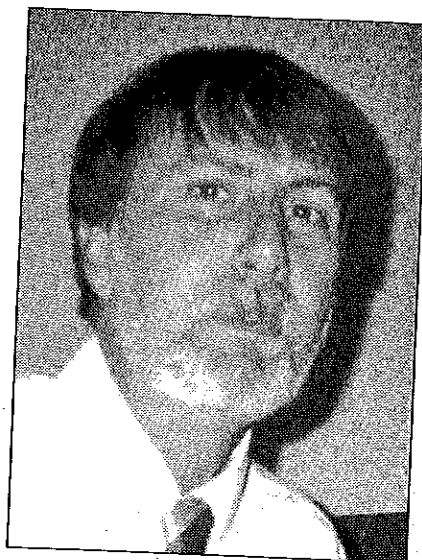
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the Iowa State Patrol which is still investigating the accident. No charges have been filed.

Both passengers on the motorcycle were transported to Grinnell Regional Medical Center from the accident scene for medical care. Todd Peak, 49, was transferred to Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines where he died Sept. 5 from his injuries. Susan Peak was treated and later released. Parmley was not transported for medical treatment from the accident scene.

### Todd F. Peak



Todd F. Peak, 49, of Grinnell died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines from injuries suffered in a motorcycle/automobile accident.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010, at 2 p.m. at First Friends Church in Grinnell. Interment will be in Westfield Cemetery, rural Grinnell.

His family will be present at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the Todd Peak Memorial Fund in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell IA 50112.

He was born July 18, 1961, in Fort Madison. He was raised in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School with the class of 1979. Following his education, he served with the United States Army Reserve.

He was united in marriage with Susan Haynes on Dec. 7, 1983, in Kirksville, Mo. They resided in Grinnell where he was employed by Certainteed for 16 years. He later worked at Van Wyk Freight Lines and currently was employed at the Jeld-Wen Company.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susan Peak of Grinnell; one daughter, Tiffany Peak of Brooklyn; his father, Geoffrey Peak of Grinnell; his mother, Ramona Taylor Ireland of Grinnell; one sister, Laura Peak Whitaker of Grinnell; two brothers, Zachary Peak and Darren Peak, both of Iowa City; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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