

## Joseph E. Miller, 69



Joseph E. Miller, 69, of Cedar Rapids died Friday, July 18, 2008, after a brief but courageous battle with lung cancer.

A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, July 22, at Sharon United Methodist

Church in Cedar Rapids. Graveside services and interment will be Wednesday, July 23, in Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Cedar Memorial Park Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids is in charge of arrangements.

Joseph was born on Sept. 6, 1938, in Montezuma to Melvin and Lauramay Foster Miller. He attended Montezuma High School in 1956 and then moved to Cedar Rapids. He worked at Collins Radio, Iowa Manufacturing, and Lefebure before he discovered his life's calling of sales. He enjoyed the challenge of the sales process and most of all, meeting and working with people.

Joseph married Linda Hite on May 25, 1985, and between them have four daughters that survive: Kimberly (Brad

Courtney of Austin, Texas, Lesa (Spencer) Keeton Sr. of Marion, JoLene (John) Peck of Vinton, and Heather (Thad) Childers of Evansdale; a brother, Terry Miller of Virginia, and two sisters, JoAnn Speas of Grinnell, and Kathryn Neal of Henderson, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Jason Hite, and father and mother-in-law, Red and Colene Worth.

Joseph loved his family and life itself. This was evident in how he spent his time - photography, camping, restoring Maico motorcycles, and watching and feeding birds. His love of people was apparent in the compassion he showed to the 37 international students he and Linda hosted over the past 18 years. He enjoyed his involvement with Mission of Hope, always willing to share anything he had with those in need.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.

Message or tributes may be left to the Miller family on the funeral home web page, [www.cedarmemorial.com](http://www.cedarmemorial.com) under obituaries.