

## Edward L. Peak

Edward L. Peak, 67, died June 3 of lung cancer in his home in Newburg.

A memorial service for Mr. Peak will be held Saturday, June 18, at 1:30 at the Grinnell United Church of Christ - Congregational, with the Rev. Bob Molsberry officiating. Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Grinnell or Diabetic Stem Cell Research.

The son of Edward Bennett and Sarah Evelyn Miller Peak, he was born October 14, 1937, in Grinnell and grew up on a farm near Gilman. He received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Iowa State University in 1960. While at Iowa State he was active in Pi Kappa Alpha and Barjche, a dance group. After college he returned to the family farm operation. In 1964, a tractor-car collision resulted in a partial leg amputation which altered his participation in the farm business permanently. He worked for DeKalb for 15 years before returning to full-time farm management. He was a strong advocate of family farmers, belonging to the Farm Unity Coalition and the Iowa Farmers Union. He also ran for Secretary of Agriculture on the Reform Party ticket in 1998.

In 1966, he married Janis Sopher and they resided in the Gilman area until moving to Newburg in 1974. He was brought up in the Newburg Church, later attending Grinnell Christian Church and Gilman Community Church. He had been a member of the Grinnell UCC - Congregational church since 1986. Through the years he was also a member of the Gilman Lions Club, Grinnell Jaycees and the Gilman Masonic Lodge.

He was very health conscious and enjoyed physical exercise throughout his life, from basketball to dancing. He maintained a regular swimming regimen up until 10 days before his death.

One of his last wishes was to encourage contributions to Lee Iacocca's fund drive for stem cell research for diabetes. Join Lee Now, at [www.joinleenow.org](http://www.joinleenow.org).

Mr. Peak is survived by his wife, Janis S. Peak; daughters, Sara Convery and Cyd Peak, both of Chicago; and his sisters, Katherine Sturtz of Garden City, Texas, Sandra Tokle of Grinnell, Carolyn Stadtmueller of Monticello, and Paulette Knoll of Waukee. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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## Edward L. Peak Jr.

Edward L. Peak Jr., 67, of Grinnell died Friday, June 3, at his home.

A memorial service for Edward Peak will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, of Grinnell; two daughters, Sara Convery and Cynthia "Cyd" Peak, both of Chicago; and four sisters, Katherine Sturtz of Garden City Texas, Sandra Tokle of Grinnell, Carolyn Studtmueller of Monticello and Paulette Knoll of Waukee.

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