

## JOHN D. OGDEN

Services will be held Sept. 29th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tri-County High School in lieu of flowers



consider making a memorial contribution in his name to the What Cheer Fire Department or What Cheer Ball. You may mail memorial donations or condolence to:

John D Ogden, 64 of What Cheer, Iowa passed died at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Sept. 25

John was born Jan. 14, 1952 to Wilson Dean and Julia Ogden. He graduated from Tri-County High School in 1970 and attended Drake University. John was the third generation to own

and operate Ogden Oil Company and did so for almost 40 years. To many, he was known as "big John". His massive size made him quite recognizable and his kindness and generosity was as big as he was. He was active in What Cheer City Council, Lions Club, Commercial Club, Keokuk County Fair Board, and What Cheer Ball.

He married Berdette Walston Nov. 28, 1987. They shared a great life together for 28 years. On weekends, John liked sitting with Berdette on their deck enjoying the morning. John and Berdette were blessed with what John considered to be three amazing kids; Logan, Erin, and Zoe. John is survived by his wife, Berdette; his son Logan (Caitlyn) Ogden of Omaha, Nebraska, his daughter Erin (Kyle) Thomas of Loves Park, Ill. and his daughter Zoe Ogden of What Cheer. Also surviving him is his mother Julia Ogden of What Cheer, a brother Mark (Iris) Ogden of Cedar Rapids, a sister Regina Striegel of Des Moines, and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father Dean Ogden and a brother Paul Ogden.