

GRINNELL RESIDENT

# Brian L. Porath, 58

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Regional Medical Center.

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Memorials may be directed to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

Brian was born on June 10, 1958, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Richard and Carol Starkey Porath. The family moved to Carroll, Iowa, where he attended schools and he later graduated with the Class of 1976 from Wheeling High School in Wheeling, IL. Following his education, he served with the U. S. Navy on the U.S.S. Macdonough.

On October 1, 1988, he was united in marriage to Rachel Holder at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. The couple made their home in Grinnell and he worked for the Frito Lay Company for several years. He also assisted Scott Schmidt with farming and Jim Buffum at the Grinnell Bowladrome. Recently, he worked as a truck driver for the Manatt Corporation.

Brian was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes, the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. His hobbies included camping, bowling, attending movies, playing poker and caring for his neighbor's driveways and lawns. He will be remembered by his family as a very devout husband, father and grandfather.

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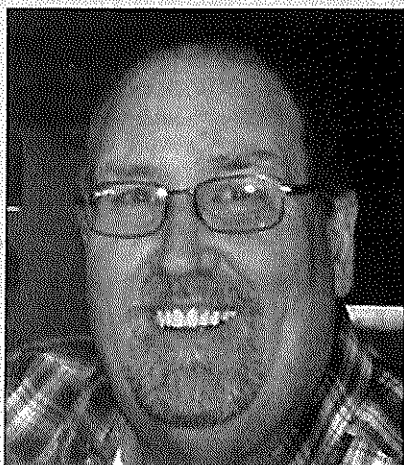
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