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## Brian Thompson



Brian Thompson, 70, of Grinnell, entered heaven's gates on Monday, July 3, as he was on his daily bike ride.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 10, 2023, at Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell. The service will be livestreamed on the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Facebook page. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Interment will be in Bethel Cemetery north of Lynnville.

Visitation with the family present will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, at Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Calvary Baptist Church or to Iowa Regular Baptist Camp and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Brian's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com). Brian gave the gift of life to over 50 people by organ and tissue donation through Iowa Donor Network.

Brian Howard Thompson was born to Howard and Nedra Thompson on May 8, 1953, in Grinnell, Iowa. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1971. Brian was united in marriage to Teresa Calvin on September 22, 1972. They were blessed with three daughters: Karie, Jody, and Sara. Brian worked for DeLong's Sportswear from 1972 til 1986. In 1986, Brian started work at Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance, and was there until 2018 when he retired.

Brian was a Godly man who was quietly and steadfastly loving and serving the Lord. He was well known to put the needs of others ahead of his own. He was a Sunday School teacher, deacon, youth leader, and Awana leader at Calvary Baptist Church. He was the biggest cheerleader for his grandkids' activities. Every summer he took his whole family to Iowa Regular Baptist Camp for a fun-filled week. He loved to play board games and cards, being the go-to score keeper, and was an avid Hawkeye fan. He was a great fix-it man who was only ever a phone call away. He will be remembered as a faithful servant of God who loved his family dearly.

Brian is survived by his wife, Teresa; daughters Karie (Nathan) Smith of Marshfield, Wisc., Jody (Aaron) Margene of Birmingham, Ala., and Sara (Brian) Fincham of Ankeny, Iowa; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four sisters, Debbie (Ed) Buck, Melinda Kaisand, Jolene (Steve) Petersen, and Susan (Larry) Cole; one brother, Bruce (Sharon) Thompson; sisters-in-law, Sharon (Rod) Boggess and Gina (Torey) Defalco; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Nedra Thompson; in-laws, Doris and Leroy Calvin; brother-in-law, Earl Kaisand; two nephews; and a great niece.