

Paul Heitkamp, 62

May 29, 1946 - Jan. 3, 2009

MALVERN — Paul Lewis Heitkamp, one of four children of Ida M. (Mack) and Walter Albert Heitkamp, was born in Jefferson, on May 29, 1946. Paul grew up in Ogden, and graduated from Ogden High School in 1964. Following school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam during the war. After the service, he returned to Boone, and worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. During this time, Paul earned his Associate Degree at Fort Dodge Community College. In 1971, he moved to Glenwood, where he was a resident treatment worker at the Glenwood State Hospital School.

Paul met Kathy Sue Walker from Boone, who was also employed at the Glenwood State Hospital School. The couple were married on September 7, 1973 in Glenwood where they made their home. The marriage was blessed with their son, Josh Tyler Heitkamp. In 1984, the family moved to Malvern. Paul continued working at the Glenwood Resource Center until his retirement in 2003. In the fall of 2004, Paul became the Teacher Associate at the Malvern Alternative School. Paul was currently serving on the Variance Board in Malvern and had previously served on the Malvern City Council and the Malvern Volunteer Fire Department. He had enjoyed coaching Little League Football in Malvern and the girls' softball team in Glenwood. Paul was a sports reporter for the Malvern Leader and wrote articles on both Malvern and Nishna Valley sports. Later, he could be seen on the sidelines at Malvern football games taking statistics. Paul was an avid lifelong collector of sports cards. In addition to his love of sports, Paul also enjoyed working in his yard, gardening, and caring for his flowers. Paul died unexpectedly in the emergency center at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, on January 3, 2009, at the age of 62 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Nick Schroeder, and brother-in-law, Randy Walker. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Heitkamp, and son, Josh Heitkamp, both of Malvern; sisters, Elaine Hall and husband Vern of Florida and Judith Schmidt and husband Paul of Harlan; brother, Joel Heitkamp of Harlan; sisters-in-law, Karen Hernandez and husband Sam of Fort Collins, CO and Lorraine Walker of Boone; brother-in-law, Rick Walker of Boone; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held at Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home in Malvern, Wednesday, January 7, 2009, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at Mansfield-Hertz Funeral Home in Malvern, Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Carl Phillips from the United Methodist Church officiating. Pallbearers were Terry Parham, Monte West, John Konkus, Damon Schmidt, Corey Walker, and Tim Dunlap. Honorary pallbearers were Cecil Armstrong, Dwayne Alwood, Kevin Lingren, Casey Freemeyer, Vicki Bird, and Phyllis Foster. Registry attendant was Marie Eagers. Music was provided by Ar-



dis Dusenberry, organist and Tim Dunlap, soloist. Military honors were provided by the Harry Hammons Post 520 Malvern American Legion and "Taps" was played by Tracy Ryan, bugler. Private interment was held. A memorial fund has been established. To convey condolences, visit www.hertzfuneral.com.

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