



Mark Allen Spence, 47, of Maquoketa died Easter Sunday evening, March 23, 2008 at his home, following an extended battle with brain cancer.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Haverhill, Iowa.

Memorials may be given to Hospice of Jackson County or to the family. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Haverhill, Iowa.

Mark Allen Spence was born on December 30, 1960 in Marshalltown, Iowa, son of Donald D. and Ellen A. (Lemker) Spence. He graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1979. He married Marilyn Plain on June 6, 1981 in Haverhill, Iowa.

He was store manager at Jack & Jill in Maquoketa from April 2005 until April 2006. He began his career in the grocery store business as a senior in high school with Nash-Finch at Clifton's in Marshalltown and then as store manager at Econ-O-Mart in Columbus Junction, Iowa from 1988 to 2005.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Maquoketa, a member and past president of Columbus Community Club, and a trustee at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Columbus Junction. He received the Governor's Volunteer Award and in 2006, he received the Distinguished Citizen Award in Columbus Junction. His main interest was his family and supporter of the Girl Scouts. He was also an avid sports fan.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Spence of Maquoketa; three children, Andrew (& Sarah Conlee) Spence of Litchfield, Illinois, Amber (& Rovshan Sultanov) Spence of Cedar Falls, and Trisha Spence of Maquoketa; his parents, Donald & Ellen Spence of Haverhill; parents-in-law, Darmyn & Norma Plain of Marshalltown; two brothers, Brian Spence of Haverhill and Greg Spence of Lone Tree; and aunts, Doris Lemker, Velma Spence and Hildred Spence.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.laheys.com.