

COTTERMAN, BRIAN DAVID

July 5, 1946-January 23, 2011

A funeral service for Brian David Cotterman, 64, will be held at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the Gorman Funeral Homes-Platte Chapel in Wheatland, Wyoming with Rev. Lincoln C. Winter of the Trinity Lutheran Church officiating. A second service will be held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Interment will be in the Hudson Cemetery in Lyons, Wisconsin.

Brian Cotterman, a resident of Wheatland, died Sunday, January 23, 2011, at the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

He was born July 5, 1946 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the first of three sons for Lemuel Atlee and Luverne (Arms) Cotterman.

Brian attended school in Richfield, Minnesota and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie in 1968, with a B.S. degree in Industrial Arts Education. In later years, he returned to school to earn M.S. degrees in Industrial Arts and School Administration.

Brian and his wife, Marion G. (Meister) Cotterman settled in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin after graduating. He taught shop classes at the Elkhorn Middle School and drivers education there for thirteen years.

In 1981, they and their two sons moved to Wheatland, Wyoming to direct the PEAK Program and teach vocational meat processing at Wheatland High School. He also taught industrial arts classes and drivers education in Wheatland for seven years.

When the PEAK Program was discontinued, Brian left Wheatland to teach shop at Harvard High School in Illinois. He returned to Wheatland a year later to teach shop at Saint Joseph's Children's Home School in Torrington, Wyoming. After seven years there, he left to serve as principal at the Arapaho Elementary School. He then returned to Saint Joseph's to teach shop plus drivers education and science. He was at Saint Joseph's another seven years and retired early in 2004.

Brian was a avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors-one of the reasons for moving to Wyoming. His last "best day" on earth was hunting with his son and getting a bull elk.

Brian is survived by his mother, Ruth; his wife, Marion; two sons, James of Wheatland and Paul of Minneapolis; five grandchildren; two brothers, Douglas and Larry, both of the Minneapolis area.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dennis (?), Bruce Kelly, Bill Meister, Kevin Meister, (?) Hartwig and Ken Newman. Serving as honorary pallbearer will be Dick Meister. (Portions unreadable due to close binding on archive newspapers).

A memorial to the Dialysis Center Fund, 866 Gilchrist Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 or to Saint Joseph's Children's Home, P.O. Box 117, Torrington, Wyoming 82240 would be appreciated by the family.