Ronald G. Durbin

JOPLIN, Mo. - Ronald G. Durbin, age 58, of Joplin, Mo., passed away at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, at Freeman Hospital West in Joplin, following a four month illness.

Ronald was born Oct. 20, 1947, in Richland, Wash., and had lived in the Joplin area most of his life. He was the senior director of Operations for CFI, where he was employed for almost 25 years.

Ronald was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He attended Racine Christian Church. He was a member of Joplin Lodge No. 335 A.F&A.M., Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Joplin, the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Temple in Springfield, Mo., and the Joplin Shrine Club.

He married Vicki Brower Jan. 8, 1987, in Miami, Okla. She survives.

Additional survivors include one daughter, Shawn Presley and her husband, Johnny Sr., Joplin; one sister, Robin Cearnal and husband, Mike, Seneca, Mo.; one grandson, Johnny Presley Jr.; and two nephews, Shawn and Josh Cearnal. He was preceded in death by his parents, Blackie and Jean Durbin; and his first wife, Pamela Durbin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mason-Woodard Chapel with Gerald Griffin, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Glenn Brown, Herb Schmidt, Jim Cory, H.D. Cole, Craig Ferrier and Richard Embrey. Bryan Brown will serve as an honorary pallbearer. Masonic services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Mason-Woodard Chapel with visitation to follow until 8 p.m.

The family request memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 2700 McClelland Blvd. Building A, Suite 110, Joplin, Mo. 64804.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Mason-Woodard Mortuary, of Joplin.

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