

John R. Peterson

John R. Peterson, age 57, lifelong resident of Joplin, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005, at a local hospital after a sudden illness.

John was born Dec. 7, 1947, in Joplin, son of the late Roy and Dorothy Thompson Peterson. He graduated from Joplin High School and worked in production for LaBarge Inc. for over 24 years. He was an active member of the Teamster's Union, where he is a former vice president for Local No. 823, and was currently the secretary/treasurer.

Another passion of John's was youth baseball. He coached Little League, Senior Little League, was a volunteer at Joe Becker Stadium where he helped with American Legion, U.S.A. Baseball, and was an announcer from time to time. He was involved with area youth baseball for over 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Peterson; son, Ryan Peterson, of Joplin; daughters, Misty Peterson, Lois Greenstreet, Christi Johnson and Tracy Hodges, all of Joplin; brother, Roy Peterson, of Joplin; 10 grandchildren, Gracie, Meagan, Michael, Miles, Joey, Tony, Chris, Caelen, Alex and Ambraya; niece, Gina Peterson; and nephew, Troy Peterson.

Funeral services will be Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, at 10 a.m. at Senior Little League/Gabby Street Park with Rev. Joe Morris officiating. Interment will follow in Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery with Dustin Brown, Joe Bettasso, Jake Lawver, Luke Lawver, Josh Tupper and Hunter Perry serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at Parker Mortuary on Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m.

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