

## **John W "Jack" Breitzman, 1936-2009**

John W "Jack" Breitzman, age 73 of Lonsdale, Minn., passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2009, at the Lodge at Natchez, Elko, Minn., after a very brief fight with cancer.

Jack was born on May 8, 1936, in Menomonie Wis., the son of John and Faith (Schleusner) Breitzman. He married Joan Shepherd on April 20, 1985, in Rockford, Ill. He served in the U.S. army as a helicopter pilot. He was a member of the MN River Valley Masonic Lodge and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; daughters, Susan Steinke of Florence, Wis., Kathy Sterchi of Mendota, Ill., Becky Hanson of Mendota, Ill., Elizabeth Kelly of Lombard, Ill.; stepdaughters, Jean Sturtevant of Holton, Mich., Becky Krugjohann of Rockford, Ill., stepsons, David Kelly, Praire Du Chein, Wis., Jack Kelly of Waukesha Wis., Ronald BJ Strub, Janesville, Wis.; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister, Audrey Smith, of Owatonna, Minn.; and a brother, Dennis Breitzman, Bismark, N.D.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at the White Funeral Home, 201 Fifth Ave. N.W., Lonsdale. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 21 at the White Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior to the service.