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Stephen Hedstrom

EAST PEORIA - Stephen Craig Hedstrom, 61, of Indianapolis, Ind., formerly of East Peoria, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at St. Joseph West Medical Center in Lake St. Louis, Mo.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1953, in Peoria, Ill., to Richard Marvin and Ruth Elaine Hedstrom. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David Michael Hedstrom.

Surviving are two brothers, Michael Brian (Tamara) Hedstrom of East Peoria, Ill., and Robert Scott (Julie) Hedstrom of Naperville, Ill.; and three beloved nieces, Abigail, Ashley and Alexis Hedstrom.

Mr. Hedstrom began playing piano at age 6 and organ at age 14. He was the organ and choir director at Bethel Lutheran Church of Bartonville, Ill., for many years. He also played numerous performances throughout Illinois and Indiana and was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

He was employed by the Wicks Pipe Organ Company in Highland, Ill., and later formed the Steve Hedstrom Pipe Organ Company. His company installed and serviced pipe organs throughout the Midwest and Southern areas of the United States for nearly 30 years.

He also assisted with additions and refinements to the Crystal Cathedral organ in Garden Grove, Calif., the third-largest church pipe organ in the world. He was known by church leaders, music directors and the organ community as an expert.

Mr. Hedstrom enjoyed music, travel, food, politics, and had a fine appreciation for classic automobiles.

A funeral service will be held at First United Methodist Church in East Peoria, Ill., on March 21, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Mary Arnold will officiate. A private burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

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