

STEVEN WAYNE PETERSON

Steven Wayne Peterson, 41, formerly of McGregor, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in Orlando, Florida. He was born in Fosston, Minn., on March 1, 1967, to David and Alice Peterson. He was baptized May 28, 1967, at Cross Lake Lutheran Church in Fosston, Minn., and confirmed on May 3, 1981, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McGregor.

The family lived in Fosston until 1969, when they moved to McGrath, Minn., and then to McGregor, Minn., in 1973. Steve graduated from McGregor High School in 1985, where he was the manager for the boy's basketball team and participated in track and drama. Steve received his associate in arts degree in sociology in 1987 in Florida.

He went to work for Walt Disney World in December of 1988. His first position with Disney was at the front desk in Disney's Caribbean Beach Hotel and moved to the opening crew for Disney's Port Orleans Resort in 1991. After completing Disney's Leadership Development Program in 1992, he was promoted to front desk and guest manager for the Port Orleans Resort. He was part of the opening crew of Disney's All-Star Music Resort in 1994 and was made the front desk manager. He became a housekeeping manager for Disney's All-Star Music Resort in 2001 as well as the training manager. Steve moved to Disney's newest resort, Disney's POP Century, in 2003 as an opening crew member. When Disney's POP Century opened in 2004, he became the housekeeping manager for Building #5. Steve earned many awards while at Disney, including the Partners in Excellence award. Steve and the housekeeping cast members of Building #5 at Disney's POP Century have won the Rooms Ready award for the four years the resort has been open.

Steve is survived by his parents, David and Alice Peterson of McGregor, a sister Marcia (Darren) Lemmerman of Stacy, Minn., a brother, Craig (Jill) Peterson of East Bethel, Minn., two nieces: Megan Schuster and Jessica Lemmerman, one nephew: Daniel Lemmerman; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and all of the Disney POP Century family.

Memorial Services for Steve will be Saturday April 19, at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in McGregor with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be Saturday, May 17, at Cross Lake Cemetery in Fosston, Minnesota.