

Michael E. Wiemers, AIA
1947-2008

Michael E. Wiemers, 61 of Potter, passed away at his home Monday, August 11, 2008. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, August 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Sidney with Pastor Terry Tomlinson of the Prairie West Christian Church in Potter officiating. Military graveside services will follow in the Potter Cemetery. Friends may stop at the Gehrig-Stitt Chapel on Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m., with the family being present from 6 to 8. Memorial contributions may be made in Michael's name to the MHC Hospice, Regional West Medical Center or Prairie West Christian Church. Gehrig-Stitt Chapel & Cremation Service is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Eugene Wiemers, the son of Eugene Herman and Deloris Jane (Gordon) Wiemers, was born on August 5, 1947 at Hastings, and baptized later that month. Michael entered first grade and later graduated eighth grade at Saint Patrick's School in North Platte. He entered his freshman year at Saint John Vianney Seminary at Elkhorn. In September of 1965 he enrolled at North Platte Junior College and in the Fall of 1966 enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

On June 13, 1970, Michael was united in marriage to Kathleen Kay Hitz at Lincoln. He graduated with Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1971. Michael had been employed with the Nebraska Department of Roads and later with Henningson, Durham & Richardson while in Omaha. On September 5, 1987, Michael was united in marriage to Lea A. (Nelson) Ruppert in Omaha. He then began working with Cannon Design out of Grand Island. Michael and Lea moved to Potter in 1996 and returned to work with the Nebraska Department of Roads out of Scottsbluff. For the past twelve years he had been self-employed as High Plains Architects.

Survivors include his wife Lea, of Potter; six children, Melissa Wiemers of Santa Barbara, Calif., Dr. Carolyn (Ercan) McCourt of Providence, R.I., Christy and Eric Jensen of Volin, S.D., Eric Ruppert and Brandon Ruppert of Curtis; seven sisters, Jeanne VanVolkenburgh-Post of Elizabeth, Colo., Mary (Rolin) Green of Allen, Texas, Theresa (Albert) Kelly of North Platte, Connie (Rodney) Panowicz of Ravenna, Joni (Ray) Gonzales of Houston, Dr. Annette Wiemers-Stumpf of Castle Rock, Colo., Christy (Jim) Eldred of Grant's Pass, Ore.; two brothers, Joe (Mary) of North Platte and John (Angie) of Kingwood, Texas; five grandchildren, Tony, Lauren and Josie Jensen, Willem McCourt and Rowan Constantine; his mother and father-in-law, Wilfred and Dorothy Nelson of Potter and numerous nieces and nephews. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, David John, his grandparents and a brother-in-law, Rick VanVolkenburgh.