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Eugene A. "Gene" Shofe, 52, of Burlington, died of cancer at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2005, at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington.

Born Aug. 19, 1952, in Burlington, he was the son of Richard L. and Arlene A. Wise Shofe. On Nov. 21, 1980, he married Gayle A. Bean in Burlington.

Mr. Shofe was a sheet metal worker for the Burlington Northern Railroad for 33 years.

He was a 1970 graduate of Burlington High School. He was of the Baptist faith. He taught Sunday school, coached softball, was a fan of the Green Bay Packers, Los Angeles Dodgers and Iowa Hawkeyes and enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Troy Shofe of Des Moines and Jeffery Shofe of Burlington; three daughters, Jeri Howie of Iowa City, Stephanie Shofe of Burlington and Crystal Shofe of Fort Madison; five grandchildren; his father of Burlington; two brothers, Stephen Shofe of Burlington and Arlen Shofe of Batavia, Ill.; one sister, Debra Rogerson of Keller, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, grandparents and one grandson.

Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hass-Thielen Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The funeral for Mr. Shofe will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Chapel of Hass-Thielen Funeral Home, with Pastor Kendall Adams officiating. Burial will be in Aspen Grove Cemetery.

A memorial has been established.