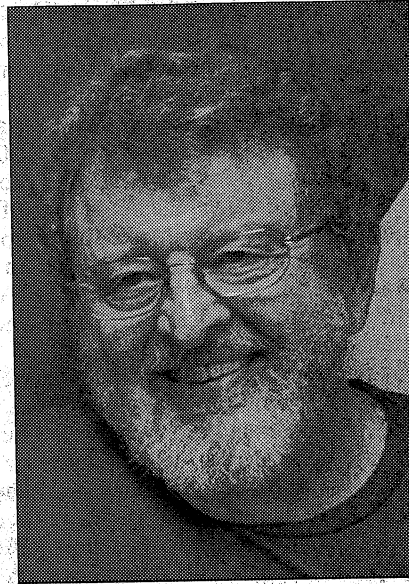


## Owen Rand Heiserman

Owen Rand Heiserman, 79, passed away on July 26, 2024, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born June 25, 1945, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Francis Henry Heiserman and Charlotte Juneva Rand. Owen is survived by his wife, Joyce Heiserman; eldest son Blair Heiserman (Melissa Cook), daughter Lindsey Heiserman (Jessie Noid), sons Derek Heiserman and Nick Heiserman (Lilly Flewellen); his siblings Cynthia, Judy, Heidi, and Phil Heiserman; grandchild Jasper, and his cat Cody. He was predeceased by his brothers Paul and Curtis, and his parents.



Owen was raised on a farm outside of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1963. After earning his bachelor's degree in English at St. Olaf College, he enlisted in the Peace Corp, serving three years in Brazil. While working towards his PhD at the University of Iowa, he received a Master of Arts in American Civilization. Owen then taught for one year at the University of Sassari in Italy on a Fulbright scholarship. Owen and former spouse, Gail Bonath, had his first son, Blair, in 1976. He returned from Italy and lived in Grinnell for a few years, joining the Mid-Iowa Community Action Agency (MICA) in Marshalltown, where he worked for 30 years. He married Joyce Kay Best in 1981 in Marshalltown, and they had three children together. Owen had a fulfilling career with non-profits, writing grants and consulting for non-profit entities nationwide. A lifelong learner, in retirement Owen delighted in cooking, reading, and enjoying the company of his beloved orange cat, Cody. In the fall of 2023 Owen moved to Oklahoma to receive further care following a stroke in the spring of 2022.

Owen will be interred in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown. In lieu of flowers, please enjoy a chocolate dessert in Owen's honor.

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