Crowley, Richard - Aug. 11, 1952 - Aug. 22, 2008

Richard S. Crowley, age 56, died Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 at HospiceCare Inc. in Fitchburg. He was born in Madison on Aug. 11, 1952, to James and Katharine (Sumner) Crowley Sr. He graduated from West High School in 1970. He continued his education at the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1974 with a degree in agricultural journalism. Rick married Linda Page on Jan. 10, 1987, in Madison. They have enjoyed 21 years together with their two children, Elissa and Lucas completing their family. He loved adventures on their annual vacations to the cabin in Port Wing, and he loved to be at the cottage on Lake Waubesa whenever there was a spare moment. Rick worked at Covance Labs in Madison for 22 years as a senior science writer. He was a loving husband, father and was a great friend to many. He was passionate about music and played in local bands as a drummer over his lifetime. He was a member of the Society of Technical Communications and the National Association of Science Writers, and had his articles featured in several magazines and recently had been included in a book. He had a special place in his heart for Kentucky and his many relatives there. He is survived by his loving wife Linda; two children, Elissa and Lucas; and a brother, James (Diann) Crowley of Madison; his extended family, Earl (Jackie) Page, Sandy (Victor) Hybinette, Alan (Sandy) Page, Sue (Steve) Gunderson, Paul (Allison) Page, the Crowley and Sumner families; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; and his father and mother in-law. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday Aug. 28, 2008, 3610 Speedway Road in Madison, with Father Thomas Caldwell, SJ officiating of Milwaukee. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date in The Town of Dunn Burial Grounds, Dunn Township, Dane County. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.