Grafton resident Thomas F. Pabst was fascinated with the Civil War and took great interest in learning about presidents John Adams and Richard Nixon, his wife Cathy said.

“He loved local history too, mostly learning about Grafton and Cedarburg,” his wife said.

Mr. Pabst died from complications of Alzheimer’s disease Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the Lighthouse of West Bend. He was 64.

Mr. Pabst was born Dec. 25, 1948, in Milwaukee to Raymond and Evelyn Stowasser Pabst.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1972.

Mr. Pabst worked as a metal fabricator at Super Steel in Milwaukee for 30 years, retiring in 2006.

On July 28, 1990, he married Cathy Swanson Rudie in Mequon.

The couple moved to Grafton, where he was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Pabst enjoyed reading Tom Clancy novels and taking walks.

“He was fun and mischievous with a quick, quick wit. He loved puns, and we would banter back and forth. He was also very sweet, gentle, kind and very loving,” his wife said.

Mr. Pabst is survived by his wife Cathy of Grafton, stepson Richard Rudie of Grafton and mother-in-law Sylvia (Al Petajan) Winebrenner of Kewaunee.

He is further survived by his sister Kathy (Daniel) Zeh of Saukville, brother Kenneth (Carol) of Menomonee Falls, sister-in-law Connie (Greg) Boldt of Oshkosh and brother-in-law Joel (Myrna) Swanson of Moncks Corner, S.C.

Mr. Pabst was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Evelyn Pabst.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Eernisse Funeral Home in Cedarburg.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. Feb. 5 until the service.

Memorials to the Alzheimer’s Association are suggested.

Eernisse Funeral Home in Cedarburg is handling arrangements.