

Adam Barta, 21

June 29, 1984 - March 29, 2006

WALNUT — Adam John Barta, the son of Robert Lee and Margaret "Peg" Jean (Wendt) Barta, was born June 29, 1984, in Harlan. He was baptized at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth. At an early age, it was discovered that Adam was suffering from a form of cancer. As a little boy, he had to undergo surgery for removal of much of the muscle tissue in his left leg and removal of his left knee cap. He attended West Ridge Elementary School and Harlan Community High School.

Nov. 26, 2004, Adam married Ashley Neese. One son was born to this union, Adam John Barta, Jr. After their marriage, the couple resided in Walnut. He was employed with Farmland Foods, Inc. in Denison. He died March 29, 2006, at Kirkman at age 21 years and nine months.

Adam is survived by his wife, Ashley of Walnut; his son, Adam J. Barta, Jr., of Walnut; his parents, Robert and Peg Barta of Portsmouth; his sister, Elaine Barta, and her fiancé Robert Gatewood of Belton, TX; grandparents, Bill and LaVonne Barta of Harlan and Jack and Elaine Wendt of Portsmouth; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 4, 2006, at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Portsmouth with Rev. John Dorton the celebrant. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth with Daniel Wendt, Nicholas Wendt, Dennis Wendt, Chris Buck, John Wendt, Cory Buck, Brain Knauss, Beau Fealing, Brent Knauss, Taylor Schunning, and Kelly Greer casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

