

## Logan Blum, 20

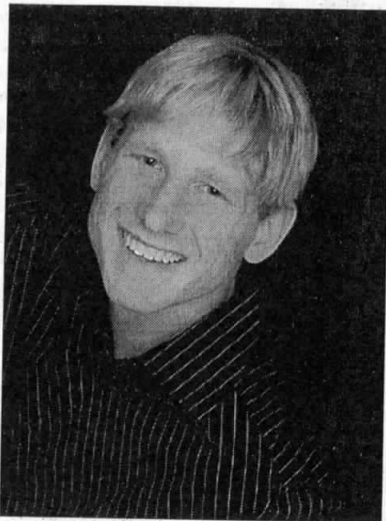
Oct. 13, 1988 - Jan. 3, 2009

**WALNUT** — Logan Henry Blum was born October 23, 1988, to Rick and Gwen (Pedersen) Blum, in Omaha, NE. He was baptized at St. Pius X Catholic Church. His sister Hannah was born 14 months prior, and in 1994 Lucas was born and Haley in 1996. The Blums lived at 60th and Grant Streets, and in 1990 moved into a new house "out west", at 144th and Giles. Logan's extended family for most of his childhood included the daycare kids Gwen watched in their home, so he learned to be a very social person right off the bat and was always around friends. He enjoyed any activity, and couldn't handle sitting quietly, ever, unless it was to play video games. Always very impulsive, he managed to make several trips to the ER during his early years due to various minor incidents. Logan received first communion and was later confirmed at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in Millard. He attended St. Stephen's elementary school, and later Russell Middle School.

After 20 years in Omaha, the Blums returned with their family to live in their hometown of Walnut, IA, in 2003, and Logie Bear began his first year of high school at WHS. He was an average student, but especially enjoyed art and shop class. He began playing organized sports in the first grade, and continued his love of baseball, basketball, and football throughout his life. He loved sports, but didn't care to watch sports - he wanted to play. He was more content outdoors than anything, and loved to go camping with family and friends. He loved to fish, and amazingly was very patient when going after that big fish. He loved a wide range of music styles, and was constantly singing or humming a favorite song. On his first trip hunting pheasants, he bagged a rooster, on his first shot.

Upon graduation from WHS in 2007, Logan joined the Air Force and completed basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX as a proud member of Flight 525. Unfortunately, he did not complete technical training, and was honorably discharged in December 2007. After returning to Walnut, he got a job with Murphy Heavy Construction in Anita, building bridges. He loved his work, and the people at Murphy's. Logan died on January 3, 2009 in a car accident, at the tender age of 20.

Logan was preceded in death by special friends Jennifer, Alec, Leita, and Brenda. He is survived by his parents and siblings, his maternal grandparents Louis, Jr. and Rosemary (Kutnink) Pedersen, his paternal grandmother Theresa (Schulte) Blum, and his maternal great-grandmother Edna Kutnink; aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, many friends far and wide, and Dottie, Moio, Sebastian, and Sher-



bie.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at the Walnut High School Gymnasium in Walnut, with Father John Frost officiating. Those serving as casket bearers were Dean Zornes, Chad Welter, Brittni Johnk, Ryan Frahm, Bryan Logemann, Kevin Osborn, Kyle King and Ryne Johnk. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Walnut

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