

Matthew David Burmeister, 21

Sept. 22, 1980 - Feb. 26, 2002

HARLAN – Matthew David Burmeister, son of David Lee and Kimberly Sue (Olson) Burmeister, was born Sept. 22, 1980, in Harlan. He was baptized Dec. 28, 1980, celebrated his First Communion Oct. 6, 1991, and was confirmed May 7, 1995. He attended Harlan Community Schools, graduating from Harlan High School in 1999. During high school, Matt began working for his father at Dave's Body Shop; since graduation he had been employed full time in the business. He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Matthew died Feb. 26, 2002, at his home in rural Harlan, at age 21 years, five months and four days.



Preceding Matthew in death was his grandfather, Alvin Burmeister. Survivors include his parents, David and Kimberly Burmeister of Harlan; two brothers, Marcus Burmeister and Mitchell Burmeister, both of Harlan; grandparents, Blanche Burmeister and Suzann and Richard Olson, all of Harlan, and Jack (Marian) Maxwell of Stewartville, MN; three uncles, Roger (Mary) Burmeister of Council Bluffs; Curt (SonOk) Olson of Spanaway, WA and Chris Olson and his fiancée, Jessica Davy, of Biglerville, PA; four aunts, Connie (Jerry) Paul of Woodland Park, CO; Diane Bro of Urbandale; Patricia Kelly Kelly of Harlan and Karen (Kurt) Reason of Marne; his close friend, Amy Petersen of Harlan, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 2, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson and Pastor Heather Becklin officiating. Casket bearers were Trevor Albright, Wes Bartelson, Les Sidman, Jason Conrad, Matt Albertsen, Dustin Daringer and David Swank. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.