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Dean Fara, 45

May 7, 1956 - Feb. 15, 2002

MANNING - Dean William, son of Orland and Ona (Voss) Fara, was born May 7, 1956, at Ames. He moved with his family to Manning in 1966, and attended Manning Schools, graduating from the Manning High School class of 1974. After graduation, he joined his family working at the Manning Ag Center.

June 10, 1978, he married Kimberly Joy Doyle at the United Church in Westside. While she finished her degree in Iowa City, he worked for Eldon C. Stutsman, an ag supply business, in Hills. When they moved back to the area in 1980, they lived on a farm east of Irwin. Both of their daughters were born while the family lived on the farm. In 1992, Dean and his family moved to their home in Manning, where he continued working with his family at the Manning Ag Center. He was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church where he was very active. He was chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and past moderator of Prospect Hill Presbytery, served on several committees of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and was involved in the PC (USA) at the national level. Dean's love of music was shown through his participation in church choir, Leiderkrantz, Manning's Blues Brothers and Alumni Pep Band. He was chair of the Manning Telecommunications Board, a past president and active member of Manning Rotary, and a member of the Manning Heritage Foundation as well as numerous other activities. He was diagnosed with cancer and died unexpectedly Feb. 15, 2002, at St. Anthony Hospital in Carroll, at age 45 years, nine months and nine days.

Preceding him in death are his grandparents and father-in-law, Dr. K.A. Doyle. Dean is survived by his wife, Kimberly Fara of Manning; two daughters, Elizabeth, a student at Iowa State University in Ames, and Megan, a student at Manning High School; parents, Orland and Ona Fara of Manning; two brothers, Alan Fara (Laura) and their children, Christin, Nate and Nick of Manning, and Mike Fara (Kathy) and their children, Steve, Sharon and Eric of Irwin; his mother-in-law, Joy Moore Doyle of Westside; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kathleen (Jim) Almelen of Washington; Dr. Dan Doyel (Linda) of Monmouth, IL; Steve Doyle and Peggie at Baton Rouge, LA; Julie (Vance) Davisson of Riverside; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2002, at the First Presbyterian Church at Manning, with Rev. Marshall Brown officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were Nate Fara, Eric Fara, Nick Fara, John Dettelsen, Steve Fara and Terry Baier. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.