

## Joel Holst, 20

*Dec. 29, 1978 - Dec. 16, 1999*

**AVOCA** - Joel Lyn Holst was born Dec. 29, 1978, in Co. Bluffs, son of David and Ronda Ronnfeldt Holst, and was one of three boys in the family. He attended school in Avoca, and graduated in 1997. He attended Des Moines Area College in Des Moines, and graduated in May of 1999, with a degree in heating and air conditioning. He was currently working for Camblin Plumbing and Heating. He participated in many sports during his high school years; however, his greatest passion was for baseball. He excelled at this sport and won many honors during high school. This summer he was able to continue in baseball by playing in the Western Iowa Baseball League on the Walnut Indians Team. A new sports venture started this fall when he joined his first bowling team. A wish of Joels was to be a fireman. His recent joining of the Avoca VFD helped fulfill this dream. He died Dec. 16, 1999, at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, as a result of a snowmobile accident Dec. 15 near Avoca, at age 20 years, 11 months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Elmer. He is survived by his parents, David and Ronda Holst; two brothers, Jason (Mandy) Holst and Jeremy Holst, all of Avoca; his paternal grandmother, Marjorie Holst of Avoca; maternal grandparents, Russ and Hervetta Ronnfeldt of Hancock; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20, 1999, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were the Class of 1997. Casket bearers were Adam Goshorn, Brett Lippold, Chad Schumacher, Josh Petersen, Matt Gramkow, Ken Wingert, Jason Best, Ryan Nielsen and Matt Lund. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.