

Aaron Messenger, 19

Feb. 19, 1982 – Nov. 7, 2001

ATLANTIC – Aaron Joseph Messenger was born to Dennis Joe and Jeri Jean Behrens Messenger Feb. 19, 1982, in Harlan. He lived most of his life in Atlantic, and graduated from Atlantic High School with the class of 2000. He was employed at Atlantic Carriers from 1996 until August, 2001. Most recently he was employed at Hoyer Feed and Grain as a truck mechanic and farm hand. He attended the Evangelical Free Church in Atlantic, and had participated as a leader in the AWANA program. He died Nov. 7, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital, Omaha, as a result of a two-vehicle accident.

Aaron is survived by his parents, Denny and Jeri of Atlantic; his sister, Holly of Atlantic; paternal grandparents, Jack and Velma Messenger of Avoca; maternal grandmother, LuGene Behrens of Shelby; maternal grandfather, Gerald Behrens of rural Shelby; four aunts, Kathy Messenger of Avoca; Judy Pixley (John) of Logan and their children, Jared and Joel; Julie Klindt (Dean) of Harlan and their children, Dusten, Drea, Daylon and Drase; and Jodie Fredericks (Sean) of Coralville. He is also survived by his great grandmother, Laura Iversen of Council Bluffs; a special great aunt, Marilyn Lee of Sioux Falls; his girlfriend, Tara Hinson; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 10, 2001, at the Evangelical Free Church in Atlantic, with Pastor Terry Schoenfeld and Pastor Alan Seehusen officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Klindt, Sean Fredericks and John Pixley. Casket bearers were Josh Turner, Toby Jensen, Justin Schlake, Dustin Hogueison, Spencer Roland and Brian Kessler. Roland Funeral Home in Atlantic in charge of arrangements.