

James Musich, 28

Nov. 24, 1975 - Oct. 26, 2004

COUNCIL BLUFFS — James Richard Musich, the son of Tom and Kathy (Jablonsky) Musich, was born Nov. 24, 1975, at McKees Rocks, PA. He was baptized at St. Cyril and Methodious Catholic Church in McKees Rock, PA. He attended school at Wilson Elementary and Hamilton Middle School in McKee's Rock, PA, until age 11 when he moved to Harlan. James was confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and attended Harlan Community Middle and High School, graduating with the class of 1993. While in high school, he helped in the design of the Harlan Welcome sign during his senior year.



After graduation, he attended Iowa Western Community College where he graduated with a degree in restaurant management. His lifelong passion was to own his own Dairy Queen franchise. He worked at Dairy Queen while in college as well as at various Burger Kings where he worked his way to manager of the Lake Manawa location in Council Bluffs. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He died at his home in Council Bluffs Oct. 26, 2004, at age 28 years, 11 months and two days.

Survivors include his parents, Tom and Kathy Musich of Harlan; his sisters, Tracy Jablonsky-Lage (Jacob) of Waterloo; Carrieann (James) Deason of Omaha, NE; Katielynn Musich of Harlan; his maternal grandmother, Dolores (Don) Kestner of Pittsburgh, PA; maternal grandfather, Michael Jablonsky of Pittsburgh, PA; paternal grandparents, LaVern and Helen Musich of Westphalia; aunts and uncles and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 30, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jon Bailey and Rich Hastert honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Ali Hassan, Pete Willadsen, Jacob Lage, Nick Brown, Jeremy Rounds and Carrie Tanner. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.