

Gavin Stone, 17

Nov. 17, 1988 - Aug. 15, 2006

KASSON, MN — Gavin Archie, son of Scott and Theresa (Chapman) Stone, was born Nov. 17, 1988, at St. Louis, MO. Shortly thereafter, Gavin and his family moved to Madison, WI, where he was baptized Easter Sunday of 1989. In 1993, the family moved to Des Moines, where Gavin attended Hillis Elementary School. In 1997, they made their home in Ames and Gavin attended Meeker and Fellows Elementary Schools and Ames Middle School. Since 2003, Gavin attended Kasson-Mantorville High School at Kasson, MN, and completed the eleventh grade. He was looking forward to high school graduation and was excited about attending college. Gavin was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson where he was confirmed in October of 2004. As a peer minister and member of St. John's youth group, he served on mission trips to New York and San Diego. As a youngster, Gavin was a member of Cub Scouts, participated in sports and bicycled with his family. Aug. 15, 2006, he died in a drowning accident at Prairie Rose State Park near Harlan at age 17 years, eight months and 29 days.

Gavin was preceded in death by his great-grandfather, Carl Rostermundt; two great uncles, Dick Miller and Kenny Norris; and a great aunt, Nina Happel. He is survived by his parents, Scott and Theresa Stone of Kasson, MN; a sister, Justine Stone of Kasson, MN; grandparents, Daryl and Carol Chapman of Manilla and Archie and Ruth Stone of West Des Moines; great-grandmother, Inez Rostermundt of Manilla; several aunts and uncles, Jane and Dale Bandow of Manilla; Robert and Debra Chapman of Manilla; Marilyn and John Coleman of Omaha, NE; Kurt and Jennifer Chapman of Manilla; Regina and Rudy Ransom of Forsythe, MO; Linda and Lynn Benson of Grimes; Kent and Theresa Chapman of Indianola; Sara and Jackie Wells of Altoona; Jeff and Pam Stone of West Des Moines and Ben and Marilyn Stone of West Des Moines; several cousins and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 18, 2006, at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, with Father Robert Gralapp celebrant and Terry Slinde co-celebrant. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla with Chris Chapman, Erik Chapman, Josh Coleman, Bailey Stone, Korley Stone and Thomas Stone urn bearers.

Memorial services were held Aug. 21, 2006, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Kasson, MN with Ron Jensen, Phil Francis and Youth Peer Minister Team Celebrants. Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla in charge of arrangements.

