

Matthew Widrowicz, 26

April 25, 1988 - Aug. 1, 2014

AVOCA — Matthew Samuel Widrowicz, son of Aaron Widrowicz and Dixie (Eckles) Widrowicz Rash, was born on April 25, 1988 in Atlanta, GA. When Matthew was at the age of two, his family moved to Iowa and made their home in Avoca. He was baptized and confirmed at the Hancock Methodist Church and attended AHST Schools in Shelby and Avoca graduating with the class of 2006.

After graduation, Matthew made his home in Laramie, WY where he attended WYOTECH, an automotive technical school. Matthew then moved to Colorado where he worked as a welder and



met the love of his life, Amanda Childs. Matthew and Amanda then made their home in Avoca where Matt worked at Oakland Foods in Oakland until 2012. Matthew then worked for the Foutch Brothers helping remodel the Shelby School into apartments. Currently Matthew was working with Sean Lawler of Lawler Services out of Defiance. Matthew was a loving, free spirited and very respectful young man who had a huge heart. He was often described by family and friends as a person who always marched to the beat of his own drum. He loved exploring all of Mother Nature's beauty and all of God's creatures on this earth. He enjoyed spending hours outdoors hunting and fishing and just enjoying life. Matthew died at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE on August 1, 2014, having attained the age of twenty-six years, three months and seven days.

Matthew was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Wayne Eckles and paternal grandparents, Susman and Leah Widrowicz. He is survived by his mother Dixie Widrowicz Rash and her husband Daryl of Avoca; father Aaron Widrowicz of Atlantic; fiancé Amanda Childs of Avoca; brother Noah Widrowicz and his girlfriend Allison Schantz of Avoca; step-sister Angela and her husband John Wickware of Ankeny; stepbrother Andrew Rash and his wife Holly of Humeston; maternal grandmother Myrna Eckles of Atlantic; step grandparents John and Margaret Rash of Chariton; aunts and uncles other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 and were officiated by Jonathon Heifner at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Interment was held at Grace-land Cemetery in Avoca with Noah Widrowicz, Andrew Rash and Clayton Bolton serving as honorary casket bearers and Nate Renz, Travis Eckles, Cody Eckles Seth McCutcheon, Sean Lawler and Mitch Burmeister serving as casket bearers.

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