

Jason Cairney, 17

Dec. 14, 1973 — May 2, 1991

EARLING — Jason Thomas Cairney was born Dec. 14, 1973 at Co. Bluffs. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic grade school in Earling and then attended the Harlan Community High School, and was a member of the junior class. His athletic ability was evident at an early age. At the age of two, he threw a football 24 feet, narrowly missing his grandmother. He started on varsity teams in football, baseball and basketball in his sophomore year. This past year, he was named to conference and Southwest Iowa athletic teams. He was a four-sport type of person, running the middle distances on the track team, played shortstop and was a pitcher in baseball, started as wingback and wide receiver in football, and was a guard in basketball. He was listed in *Who's Who in America*, of outstanding high school students, and was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and its Catholic Youth Organization. He had just been elected senior representative to the St. Joseph's CYO. He was also an excellent student, quiet, who led by example. He died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident 1 1/2 miles south of Earling, May 2, 1991, at age 17 years, 4 months and 18 days.

Preceding him in death was his paternal grandfather, Robert Cairney and his maternal great-grandparents, Tony and Johanna Koesters. He is survived by his mother, Carol (Ed) Leinen of Earling; his father, Ralph (Pam) Cairney of Mount Horeb, WI.; two sisters, Tami Cairney of Omaha, NE., and Barbara Leinen at home; two brothers, Ryan and Joshua Cairney of Mount Horeb, WI.; paternal grandmother, Irene Cairney and maternal grandparents, Alphons (Mike) and Madonna Kramer, all of Earling; aunts and uncles, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated May 6, 1991, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas as the celebrant. Concelebrating was Rev. Paul Bianchi and Rev. Mike McLaughlin. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Scott Heese, Laurie Wright, Chad Jensen, Jay Frederick, Dallas Schwery, Tony Wilwerding, Brad Zimmerman, Jason Gaul and Kevin Graeve, honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Jim Bruck, Curt Blatt, Bill Hosack, Dave Lansing, Ken Karstens and Russ Gallinger. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.