

**Joseph Cowan, 55**

**April 29, 1953 - March 30, 2009**

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** — Joseph

S. Cowan, age 55, of Council Bluffs, died March 30, 2009 from injuries suffered in an auto accident near Bennington, NE. Joe was born April 29, 1953 in Hartford, CT to John R. and Anne (Vick) Cowan. He graduated from Sherwood High School, Sandy Springs, MD in 1971 and received his BSBA from Creighton University. After earning his degree, Joe worked as a Federal IRS Agent.

Joe married Michelle Blum on December 28, 1991. To this union a daughter, Anna Jolyn, was born. Joe was a senior accountant for Epley Cancer Institute for the past 15 years.



Joe was preceded in death by his father, John R. Cowan; father-in-law, Cecil J. Blum; brother-in-law, Terry Blum. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Michelle Cowan; daughter, Anna Jo Cowan both of Council Bluffs; mother, Anne V. Cowan of Rockville, MD; brother, Dr. John Cowan and wife Dr. Linda of Norman, OK; mother-in-law, Anne Blum of Harlan; brothers-in-law, Garry Blum and wife Michelle of Harlan, Cecil Blum and wife Shawn of Denison, Bryan Blum and wife Brenda of Harlan; sisters-in-law, Cheryl Bockelmann and husband Richard, Anna Miller and husband Harris all of Denison, Candi DeCarlo and husband Richard, Colleen Kenkel and husband Kevin all of Harlan, and Rhonda Ketelsen and husband Rick of Denison.

Visitation with the family was held Friday, April 3, 2009, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7:30 p.m. at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs with Rev. David Fleming, pastor, the celebrant. A lunch immediately followed the service. Interment was held Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in the Harlan Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Foundation or American Heart Association.

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