

Wade Hursey, 33

Dec. 25, 1969 - May 10, 2003

FLANDREAU, SD – Wade R. Hursey was born Dec. 25, 1969, to Melvin and Marsha Zolk Hursey. He attended Shelby-Tennant Community High School in Shelby, graduating in 1988. He attended Waterloo Community College for two years and received his degree in agronomy. He obtained his pilot's license and then moved to Flandreau, SD, in 1993, where he worked for Cenex as an agronomist. In 1994, he started his own business, Aerial Blades Crop Spraying Service. He sprayed in the Flandreau area and in the region including Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. He also sprayed for the federal government in Colorado. He was a member of Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Flandreau Jaycees and the South Dakota Pilots Association. He died May 10, 2003, in a vehicle accident at age 33 years, four months and 15 days.

Wade was preceded in death by his grandparents, Holly and Arvilla Hursey and Elmer Zolk. He is survived by his wife, Allison of Flandreau, SD; two daughters, Madeline and Elizabeth, both at home; his parents, Melvin and Marsha Hursey, Shelby; one brother, David Hursey, Deerfield, IL; and his grandparents, Marcella and George Jones, Omaha, NE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 14, 2003, at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church with Father Richard Fox celebrating. Graveside services were in the Shelby Cemetery May 15, 2003. Honorary casket bearers were Bob Dillion and Bill Millman. Casket bearers were Rick Schmidt, Jeff Behrens, Shaw Loiseau, Mark Constable, Shon Keith and Paul Welbig. Skroch Funeral Chapel, Flandreau, SD, in charge of arrangements.