

Alec Mertz, 10

Feb. 5, 1995 - Sept. 17, 2005

WALNUT — Alec George Mertz, the oldest son of Gregory and Michelle Slusser Mertz, was born Feb. 5, 1995, at Omaha, NE. He was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut. Alec attended Walnut School.

He loved soccer, baseball, and Nascar racing, with Jeff Gordon being his favorite race car driver. Alec loved sports including Iowa State and especially the Walnut Warriors. He received various awards, including a Second Place Tourney Award in Soccer, County Champs Baseball MVP, wrestling, and Second Place Punt, Pass and Kick in football. He also enjoyed the fishing trips to Canada with his family. Alec loved riding his bike and spending time with his little brother, Michael. Alec also was able to enjoy a trip to Disney World courtesy of the Make A Wish Foundation, and Give Kids The World organizations. Caringbridge was Alec's website to keep everyone informed of his treatment. His illness was in remission, so he was able to appreciate the time there and meeting other kids as well. Alec died Sept. 17, 2005, at his home in Walnut, at age 10 years, seven months and 12 days.

He is survived by his parents, Gregory and Michelle of Walnut; his little brother, Michael of Walnut; his grandparents: Lydla Johnson and Don Baumfalk both of Firth, NE; George Mertz of Walnut and other relatives. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.