

Josh Underwood, 30

Dec. 8, 1976 - July 12, 2007

HARLAN — Joshua Michael, son of Rick and Mary (Bauer) Underwood, was born Dec. 8, 1976, in Nürnberg, Germany. In 1978, the family moved back to the United States and made their home in Denison where Josh attended St. Rose of Lima Grade School. He then attended Denison High School where he played soccer and graduated with the class of 1995. He earned a degree in Environmental Studies in 1997 from Iowa Lakes Community College and a degree in Water and Wastewater in 1998 from Kirkwood Community College.

April 21, 2006, Josh married Elizabeth (Liz) Schwery at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling. The couple lived in Harlan where Josh worked as a water operator for Harlan Municipal Utilities. He was an active member of the WRAC archery club. July 12, 2007, Josh suddenly and unexpectedly collapsed while working repairing a water main during the late night hours. He was taken to Myrtue Medical Center where he died July, 13, 2007 at age 30 years, seven months and five days.

Preceding Josh in death are his sister, Billie Brink in 2004; two great-grandmothers, Marie Drees, who lived with them when Josh was growing up, and Bertha Bauer; and grandfather, Paul Underwood. He is survived by his wife, Liz, and two children, Hunter and Aschtian Underwood of Harlan; parents, Rick and Mary Underwood of Denison; grandparents, Joan and Don Bauer of Manilla; grandmother, Miriam Underwood of Sioux City; mother and father-in-law, Leo and Jan Schwery of Earling; two brothers-in-law, Jordan and Joe Schwery of Earling; sister-in-law, Katie Schwery of Earling; nephews, nieces and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 17, 2007, at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla with Rev. Andrew Hoffman of The Sacred Heart Church in Manning, Rev. Mike Berner and Deacon Pat Davitt celebrating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla with Eric Argotsinger, Donald Cote, Andy Cote, Dave Inman, Coby Inman and Aaron Schmadeke casket bearers. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla in charge of arrangements.