

October 6, 2006

DEVIN COLE ELSEN

- Memorial service for Devin Cole Elsen, 22, Aberdeen, is 2:00 pm, Friday October 6, 2006 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pastor Tony Haglund officiating. Inurnment at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Devin died Sunday, October 1, of natural causes.

- The family will greet friends from 5-7 pm Thursday with a prayer service at 7 at Spitzer Funeral Home.

- Devin Cole Elsen was born on March 21, 1984 to Denise Elsen in Britton. His family moved to Aberdeen in 1987 and he attended several schools. Devin graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 2003. Devin worked at H.C. Clark, Aberdeen Sales Barn, and was currently working for the Aberdeen School District as a custodian.



- Devin was baptized at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Aberdeen. He enjoyed time spent at the Boys and Girls Club and was proud to be Youth of the Month. Devin enjoyed the races and his favorite driver was Rich Thomas. He looked forward to the Brown County Fair and spent hours in the live stock barns. One of Devin's greatest joys came from time spent on the farm. He followed his Grandpa Donnley everywhere when he did his chores. His grandpa built him his own area on the farm so he could be in charge. Devin was a very talented artist. He drew many pictures for friends and family of the farm and farm animals. He went to the horseshoe courts every Thursday to watch his grandparents pitch horseshoes. He loved to bowl and was in The Crown League.

- Unlike the average kid, Devin enjoyed school. He was never late; in fact, he was at school before the teachers so he could hold the door open for them.

- Grateful for having shared his life are his mom and step father, Denise and Greg Vande Kamp, Aberdeen, sister, Dezerae (Tyler) Eske and nephew, Brayden Eske, Lompoc, CA, brothers, Drew and Darius Vande Kamp, Aberdeen, maternal grandparents, Donnley and Dorothy Elsen, Hecla and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

- Devin was preceded in death by his maternal great grandparents, Ed and Ada Fuller, maternal great grandparents, Henry and Henrietta Elsen, and cousin, Stephanie Elsen.