Steven Ray Gasper, 47

Steven Ray Gasper, age 47, of Montezuma, formerly of Brooklyn, died Friday night, Feb. 12, 2010, at his home following a sudden illness. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date. The family will receive friends after 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 20, at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn. A memorial fund has been established.

He is survived by a brother, Dave Gasper (LuAnne) of Blairstown; a sister, Denise Albert (Dave) of Marengo; an aunt, Leona Glandon of Williamsburg; an uncle, John Gasper (Judy) of Oskaloosa; nephews, Gerald Caligiuri (Cora) of Roland, and Robert Gasper (Jenny Daily) of Brooklyn; nieces, Melissa Loger (Lance) of Dike, and Carrie Gasper (Nick Krapf) of Cedar Rapids; great-nephews Liam Caligiuri, Sawyer and Shayden Loger; and great-nieces Sierra Loger and Hayden Gasper. Also surviving are many step-nieces, step-nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carlene Gasper Caligiuri, in September 2009, three aunts, Helen Gasper Poe-Rhinehart, Betty Chilcote Visser, and Margaret Chilcote Catlin-Krueger.

Steven Ray Gasper was born April 7, 1962, in Oskaloosa, the son of Carl Eugene and I. Lucile Chilcote Gasper. He received his education in the Montezuma and Brooklyn schools, and graduated from BGM High School in 1980. Steven worked in concrete, construction, and electrical businesses in Texas, Florida and Iowa. He enjoyed playing cribbage and cards, reading, working crossword puzzles, and shooting pool. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Steve had a very soft heart and a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends for his fun, love and laughter.

Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.