

Aaron William Honecker, 34

Aaron William Honecker, 34, of Tolona, Ill., passed away Monday, April 12, 2010, at a Chicago Hospital due to strokes he had on Dec. 26, 2008, that left him in a coma.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1975, to Bill and Diane Honecker in Rochester, Minn., and was the grandson of the late Lester and Merna Sue Galbraith of Montezuma. He graduated from Kasson-Mantorville High School in Minnesota in 1994, and attended Mankato State College in Minnesota, graduating with an electrical engineering degree. He went on for a masters degree at Iowa State University in Ames. He worked for Iowa State University as a computer specialist and then returned to Dodge Center, Minn., to start doing his own computer service and programming business, and met his wife, Missy, when he was called to fix her computer. On Sept. 13, 2003, Aaron was united in marriage to Melissa VanBuskirk in Pine Island, Minn. To this union, three children were born. Aaron was then hired by Wolfran Research in November of 2007; that took them to Champaign, Ill.

Aaron was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife; three children, Nicholas (6), Larissa (4), Gabriel (2); and two step-children, Marissa and her son, Noah, and Eddie; his mother, Diane (Galbraith) Honecker of Montezuma; a brother, Mark (Beth) Honecker of Rochester, Minn.; and a sister, Avin (Bradley) Sherman of Dodge Center, Minn.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, April 25, in Urbana, Ill. Burial of his cremation will take place at a later date in Sheley Cemetery of rural Montezuma, in the center of his mother's farm. Memorials may be sent in care of Melissa Honecker, 939 County Rd. 1500E., Tolona, Ill. 61880.