Kyle Keith Arthur

Kyle Keith Arthur, 31, died Saturday, July 2, 2011, near Sully.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 7, at the Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton, with the Rev. Merle Smith, chaplain at Skiff Medical Center, officiating. Burial was in Searsboro Cemetery. Memorials may be designated to a college fund for his daughter, Kiley.

The son of Rex and Sherry Beason Arthur, he was born March 7, 1980, in Grinnell and graduated from Lynnville-Sully High School with the Class of 1998.

He worked at Watt's Funeral Home in Montezuma, and went to college in Galesburg, Ill., where he graduated in 2004 with a degree in mortuary science. While there he met Kristin Albright, whom he married June 25, 2005. They eventually settled in Newton, and had a daughter, Kiley, in 2007.

He had recently graduated from the nuclear medicine technician program at Mercy College in Des Moines. He was devoted to his family, and also enjoyed camping, hosting grill-outs, cars and motorcycles, and travel.

He is survived by his wife Kristin and daughter Kiley; his father Rex Arthur of Searsboro; his grandmother Gladys Arthur of Galesburg, Iowa; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Sherry in 2005.

Motorcycle accident near Sully claims life

A motorcycle accident near Sully over the Fourth of July weekend claimed the life of Kyle Keith Arthur, 31, of Newton.

At a little after 8:30 p.m. on July 2, the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office received a call reporting a serious motorcycle accident about a half mile east of Sully on F 62 East. The sheriff’s office reports that evidence at the scene and witnesses indicated that Arthur was driving a 2006 Yamaha west on F 62 when he lost control while negotiating a curve. The motorcycle left the road, traversed a ditch, and came to rest in a small stream, trapping Arthur beneath the motorcycle. Injuries Arthur received in the accident were fatal. The Sheriff’s Office report states that Arthur was not wearing a helmet, did not have a valid motorcycle license and that alcohol may have been involved in the accident.

The accident remains under investigation by the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office which received assistance at the scene from the Iowa State Patrol, the Sully Fire Department and the Lynnville First Responders.