Ben Sharer, 36, of Montezuma, passed away Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell. As his wish, his body has been cremated. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, at the funeral home. A private inurnment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montezuma Fire Department. Friends may send condolences or sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Benjamin Lee Sharer, son of Lee and Penni (Van Hoever) Sharer was born Dec. 29, 1975, in Grinnell. He was a 1994 graduate of Montezuma High School. Ben was currently employed at River Bend Industries in Victor. He enjoyed watching sports, entertaining his nieces and spending time with his family. Ben was an avid St. Louis Cardinal, Oakland Raider and Iowa Hawkeye fan.

His memory will be cherished by his parents, Lee and Penni Sharer of Montezuma; his brother, Bart (Sheri) Sharer of Montezuma; his sister, Bri (John) Haynes of Montezuma; two nieces, Jadyn Sharer and Taylor Haynes; his maternal grandparents, Arlo and Maxine Van Hoever of Grinnell; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Ben was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Forrest and Mauretta Sharer; and cousin, Troy Fahlenkamp.