Funeral services for Richard A. Baustian, age 28, were held on Friday, March 7, 1986, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. The funeral Mass was concelebrated by the Rev. Maynard J. Brothersen of Albia, the Rev. Karl Holtkamp, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and the Rev. Eugene Hoening, pastor of St. Bridget Catholic Church in Victor.

Mrs. Francis Kriegel was the organist. The lector was Sarah Bride.

Concluding services and burial were held at the Calvary Cemetery in Victor with David Baustian, Thomas Burke, Gerald Burke, David Brothersen, James Bride, and Brian Clemens, serving as casket bearers.

The Parish Rosary was held Thursday evening at the McNinch-Fremming Funeral Home in Victor. The leader was the Rev. Maynard J. Brothersen.

Richard Anthony Baustian was born October 26, 1957, at Grinnell, Iowa. He was the son of Gerald Joseph and Rita Ann (Brothersen) Baustian.

Richard graduated from the Hallsville High School in Hallsville, Missouri. Following his graduation, he became a member of the United States Air Force where he served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge in October 1980.

At the time of his death on Tuesday, March 4, 1986, Richard was employed at Giordano's Pizza in Cedar Rapids.

He is survived by his fiancee, Diana Kriegel of Brooklyn, his mother, Rita Ann Baustian of Brooklyn, his father, Gerald Baustian of North Platte, Nebraska, two brothers, Gerald Baustian of Brunswick, Maine, and Daniel Baustian of North Platte, Nebraska, and six sisters, Teresa and Kathleen Baustian of Des Moines, Diane, Mrs. Gerald Burke of New Bern, N.C., Leslie Doerie of St. Louis, Missouri, Loretta Baustian of Grinnell and Jennifer Baustian of Brooklyn, and his maternal grandmother, Teresa Brothersen of Roseville, Illinois.

Death ruled a suicide

The March 4 death of Richard Baustian, 28, of rural Brooklyn has been ruled a suicide, according to Deputy Sheriff Marty Duffus.

Baustian's body was found by a neighbor shortly after 2:57 p.m. at the home of Baustian's mother, Rita, north of Brooklyn.

Death was the result of a single shot. Duffus said Baustian was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Robert Carney, M.D., the Poweshiek County medical examiner.