

## Thomas J. Dentel, 49

Thomas J. Dentel, age 49, President and CEO of First State Bank, Colfax, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines, of a brain tumor. Memorial services for Mr. Dentel were held on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008, at Altoona United Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Memorials may be given to CaringBridge or Colfax United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.coburnfuneralhomes.com](http://www.coburnfuneralhomes.com).

Tom was born Feb. 4, 1959, in Des Moines, to Robert and Verlyn (Weber) Dentel. He grew up in Victor, graduating from HLV High School. He attended Grinnell College and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1982.

He married Rebecca Hauser in 1989, and they made their home in Colfax until 2007, when they moved to Bondurant. Tom began his banking career at Norwest Bank, Des Moines, in a management trainee program. He assumed the Presidency of American State Bank, Tripoli, in 1984, and in 1989, he became President and CEO of First State Bank, Colfax, and continued in that position until his death. He was a member of the Boards of Directors of Dentel Bancorporation, Corydon State Bank, Victor State Bank and Maxwell State Bank. Tom was an Eagle Scout, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, a member of the Colfax Gun Club, and the Delegate for the Amateur Trapshooting Association, State of Iowa. He was a member of the Colfax United Methodist Church. He was an avid pilot and sportsman and taught scuba diving at Hoover, North, and Lincoln High Schools in Des Moines. His passions were trapshooting and his Harley-Davidson. Tom was dedicated to the betterment of his community and was active in the local Dollars for Scholars and Colfax Economic Development Commission and was instrumental in the formation of the Colfax-Mingo Educational Foundation. In 1997, he built a medical clinic in downtown Colfax to serve the city and the surrounding area.

Tom is survived by his wife, Becky; his parents, Robert and Verlyn "Lynn" Dentel of Des Moines; his brother, Robert J. Dentel, and wife, Patty, of Victor; his sister, Mary Howell, and husband, Stephen, of Ames, his sister, Kathryn Anderson, and husband, Henry, of Urbandale; and nine nieces and nephews.



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