Richard 'Rich' D. Lakin

Richard "Rich" D. Lakin, 52, of Newton died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 13, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory. The family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, at the funeral home. Memorials in Rich's name may be left at the funeral home.

Rich, the son of Larry and Connie Johnson Lakin, was born on July 26, 1963 in Iowa City. Rich was a lifelong resident of Newton and graduated from Newton High School in 1981. He had worked at TPI for the last four years. Rich loved his family, including his pets, and enjoyed spending holidays with the whole family around. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs and Iowa Hawkeye fan. He also liked to sing karaoke; his favorite song to sing to his wife was "Can't Help Falling In Love" by Elvis.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Lakin of Newton; daughter, Erika Mahoney of Des Moines; his sons, Tyler Lakin and Dalton Lakin, both of Newton; four grandchildren; his parents, Larry and Connie Lakin of Newton; and his sister, Lorrie Lakin of Newton; as well as other relations from our area, and his pets.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.