Thomas Bandstra, 51, Chattanooga

Thomas Bandstra, 51 of Chattanooga, passed away March 8, 2006, as a result of an automobile accident in Jacksonville, NC. Funeral services were held March 12, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. His remains were flown to Pella, his home town, for services and interment on March 15. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lutheran School for the Endowment Fund at 800 Belvoir Avenue, Chattanooga, TN. 37412 or to the ZETA TAU ALPHA Foundation 1531 West Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996.

He was born in Des Moines on July 7, 1954, the son of the late Bert A. Bandstra and Tresa Van Wygarden Bandstra. He attended Drake University, and graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Tom is survived by his wife of 22 years, Cynthia Torkelson Bandstra; son, Bert Andrew Bandstra, formerly of East Ridge, now of Iowa Falls; daughter, Trisha Annette Bandstra of East Ridge, brother, Bruce and his wife Sue Bandstra of Seattle, Washington and their children, Leah and Jacob Bandstra, mother and father-in-law Arnold and Mildred Torkelson of Gilmore City, Iowa. He is also survived by his brother and sister in laws, Mike and Mary Torkelson of Flagstaff, AZ., Becky and Randy Jones of Macon, GA., Jackie and Brad Dagg of Belle Plain, Shelly and Scott Phillips of Pocahontas, David and Joni Torkelson of Humboldt. Also many nieces and nephews.