Benjamin Van Wyk was born on June 22, 2000 in Sylvan Grove, Iowa. He was adopted by Daryl Van Wyk and Chevette (Gilliam) Van Wyk in July 2003. Ben always had a smile on his face, and it did not matter what he was doing. He had a kind heart, mind and spirit, and he was always a friend to anyone. Ben started wrestling when he was 5 years old. He participated in wrestling tournaments across the state of Iowa and continued wrestling in junior high and high school. Ben enjoyed working on the farm. He especially loved riding on the tractors and in the semis, combining work and driving around on the gator. Ben was a 2019 graduate of Lynnville-Sully High School and was working at Wehrle Farms near Lynnville. He enjoyed fishing, hanging out with friends, working on the farm, camping and attending the Iowa State Fair and going to concerts. Ben attended the Heart of Worship Church near Lynnville.

His memory will be cherished by his parents, Daryl Van Wyk (Connie Gronert) of Lynnville and Chevette Van Wyk of Colorado Springs, CO; his siblings, Dustin (Jennifer) Van Wyk and children: Trevor and Hunter; Derek Van Wyk and children: Trinity, Jackson and Aubrey; Devin Van Wyk; Gally (Aaron) Brauner and children: Sonya, Paige (Owyan) Stone and daughter Aladius; and Yana Van Wyk; his grandparents, Bernhard and LaVonne Van Wyk and Marvin and Ellen Wehrle; his great-grandparents, Hazel Walker and Bob and Delores (Gilliam) Burt and many other relatives and friends.

Ben was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mike Gilliam and Linda Wehrle; and his great-grandparents Dick and Martha Van Wyk. Harold and Jennie Geurts; James Gilliam, Keith Walker and Raymond and Trudy Wehrle.

Benjamin Van Wyk
Jun 22, 2000 - Aug 2, 2019

Ben Van Wyk, 19, of rural Lynnville, passed away suddenly on Friday, Aug. 9, due to injuries sustained in a grain bin accident. Visitation services will begin at 10:00 am on Friday, Aug. 9, at the Lynnville Heart of Worship Church. Burial will be held in the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. Visitation will begin after 12:00 pm Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Lynnville Heart of Worship Church with the family present to greet friends and relatives from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lynnville-Sully Wrestling Team or St.