Jeff Lucas, 33, Minnesota

Jeff Lucas, 33, of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed away June 19, 2006. Funeral services were held June 23, at the First Baptist Church in Pella. Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery. For those desiring, memorials may be designated for a Jeff Lucas Scholarship Fund.

Jeffrey Jacob Lucas was born at the Pella Community Hospital on Sept. 13, 1972. Jeff spent all of his school days in the Pella Community school system. He participated in multiple activities including the Talented and Gifted program, band, chorus, swing choir, the Honor Society, and athletics - football, basketball, and golf. Jeff was the recipient of the Class 2A Student Athletic Achievers Award. He graduated with honors with the class of 1991. Jeff furthered his education at Iowa State University. His classes were in Business Administration with a major in Accounting. He graduated with honors and distinction in 1995.

Jeff moved to Minneapolis and landed his first job with Andersen Consulting. He was later employed by Service Net and then by Retek doing computer applications.

Jeff passed away unexpectedly at his home in Minneapolis at the age of 33. He leaves behind his parents, Tim and Joan Lucas of Pella; his older brother Ted Lucas and wife Jennifer and their baby son Wyatt of Canton, Georgia; his maternal grandparents, Julian and Josephine Walter of Lenox; and his paternal grandmother Selma Lucas of Lenox. Jeff loved his extended family including the following aunts and uncles: Marvin and Rosemary Walter of Lawrence, Kansas; Jean (Walter) and Jeff Miller of Corvallis, Oregon; Dena Lucas of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vicki (Lucas) and Phil Maltzahn of Grand Island, Nebraska; Mitzi (Lucas) and Mike Magnuson of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Ada (Lucas) and Craig Calendine of Omaha, Nebraska; along with many cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ivan Lucas, his aunt Marsha Walter, and his uncle Larry Smith.