

Jay Alan Backen

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Jay Alan Backen, 38, of Tama died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at his parents' home in rural Tama following a sudden illness.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 22, at St. John Lutheran Church in rural Tama with the Rev. Herbert J. Knudsen, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment followed at Maple Grove Cemetery in rural Tama. A memorial has been established.

He was born Nov. 10, 1970, in Grinnell, the son of Robert and Dorothy Allen Backen. He graduated from South Tama County High School in 1990. He was employed at Stewart Lumber in Marshalltown and WENCO Manufacturing in Grinnell. He also helped on his family's farm. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in rural Tama. He enjoyed spending time on the farm and being with his family.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Dorothy Backen of Tama; one brother, James Backen of Tama; five sisters, Janice Upah of Chelsea, Julie Wilkerson of Toledo, Joyce Wilson of Tama, Jolene Keller of Toledo, and Jeri Ellenbecker of Tama; nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Julius and Vera Backen, and Bill and Chloris Allen.