Jace Carrico, 9 of New Sharon

Jace L. Carrico, age nine of New Sharon, passed away from complications of a brain tumor on Tuesday, August 19th, 2008 at the Blank Children’s Hospital in Des Moines, IA. His funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 23rd, 2008 at the Rock Center in New Sharon. Interment will follow at Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. Family visitation will be held from 5 to 8 PM, Friday evening, August 22nd at the Rock Center. The Jace L. Carrico Memorial Fund has been established. Ankeny Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jace Lee Carrico was born on Friday, February 19th, 1999 in Grinnell, IA to Travis Lee and Tara Lynn Van Wyk Carrico. At the age of four, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Jace enjoyed over two years of good health after his treatments until a recurrence was diagnosed in June of 2007. Over the past five years, he and his family have enjoyed trips to Orlando where he swam with dolphins, the beaches of North Carolina, a Disney Caribbean cruise, the Rocky Mountains, a Chicago Cubs baseball game and meeting the Wiggles...twice! He was preparing to enter the third grade at North Mahaska Elementary in New Sharon. Jace was a gifted singer and drummer and enjoyed singing and dancing along with the praise band during church. He enjoyed music, watching TV, especially the Disney Channel, and Nickelodeon, swimming, drawing and writing in his notebook and playing his Nintendo DS (many times until 1 AM!)

Jace’s memory is honored by his parents, Travis and Tara Carrico of New Sharon, his sister Jenna, also at home, his maternal grandparents, Tom and Sandy Everist of Lynnville and Orville and Vi Van Wyk of Newton, his paternal grandparents, Terry and Norma Carrico of Roseville, IL, and his dog, Baxter. He also has many uncles, aunts, extended family members, school teachers and friends that loved him very much.