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## James E. Jantzen

James Edward Jantzen, 49, of Solon died Friday, May 16, 2008, at the Dennis and Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in Hiawatha following a lengthy illness.



Services for James E. Jantzen will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at the Shueyville United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Sheryll Untiedt officiating.

The family will greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home and Creation Service in Cedar Rapids, and from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Sheridan Cemetery near Malcom.

Born Oct. 2, 1958, in Grinnell, he was the son of Clifford and Ellen Irwin Jantzen. He was a 1977 grad of Grinnell High School and furthered his education at Iowa State University, where he graduated in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He later earned a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Iowa.

He began working at Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas, in 1982. In 1985, he moved to Rockwell Collins, where he was an engineering manager in the Advanced Technology Center.

On Nov. 15, 1986, he married Lori Garton in Des Moines.

An avid basketball player and Iowa State University sports fan, he also coached the "Twisters" AAU youth basketball teams.

He was a lifetime member of the Iowa State University Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife; his sons, Matthew and John; his mother; a brother, Kenneth Jantzen of Malcom; two sisters, Peggy Jantzen and Pauline Sharp, both of Grinnell; and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his father.

Friends may leave condolences in the online guest book at [www.murdochfuneralhome.com](http://www.murdochfuneralhome.com) by following the "Obituaries" link.