

Chad Burkett

Chad Eugene Burkett, 30, of Montezuma, a native of Grinnell, died Sunday, Dec. 2, of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident near Luling, La.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Grover Branson officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers will be Allan Burkett, Shane Burkett, Tom Chiarito, Brian Kinkle, Mike Kriegel and Jason Pollock. Honorary bearers will be Paul Asberry, Donny Crawford, Gabe Neighbors and Mike Ows. Burial will be at Rock Creek Cemetery.

The son of Carroll "Gene" Burkett and Vickie Lee Elliott Henderson, he was born April 1, 1971, in Grinnell. He was a 1989 graduate of Grinnell High School. While in high school he participated in sports, including the Golden Gloves. He placed eighth in the 1989 state diving meet.

Mr. Burkett was employed most recently by Pasadena Tank Co. as a welding supervisor. He oversaw the building of large storage tanks and hydropillers. His work had taken him throughout the United States.

Surviving are his parents; two brothers, Allan of Newton and Shane of Grinnell; two sisters, Deanna Owens of Raytown, Mo., and Stephanie Chiarito of Chicago; and his grandparents, Hollis and Addie Elliott of Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City or the American Lung Association.

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Dec. 4

Chad E. Burkett, 30, of Montezuma died Sunday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near Luling, La., which also claimed the life of Michael Geurts of New Sharon.

Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 7, 2001 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Grover Branson, retired, Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Pallbearers were Allan Burkett, Brian Kinkle, Shane Burkett, Mike Kriegel, Tom Chiarito and Jason Pollock.

Honorary bearers were Paul Asberry, Gabe Neighbors, Donny Crawford and Mike Owens.

The son of Carroll "Gene" Burkett and Vickie Lee Elliott Henderson, Chad was born April 1, 1971, in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and was a 1989 graduate of Grinnell High School. While in high school he enjoyed participating in sports, including Golden Gloves and he also placed 8th in the 1989 state diving meet.

Chad was employed most recently with Pasadena Tank Company as welding supervisor and oversaw the building of large

storage tanks and hydropillers. His work had taken him throughout the United States and had made him many friendships.

Chad was a socialite and considered "bigger than life." His family and friends were a big part of his life and he was devoted to both. He loved the outdoors—golfing, deer hunting, fishing and boating. Chad also loved being adventurous and enjoyed skydiving, bungee jumping, four-wheeling, jet skiing, snowmobiling, dirt-biking and both water and snow skiing.

Survivors include his mother, Vicki of Montezuma; his father, Gene of Grinnell; two brothers, Allan Burkett of Newton and Shane Burkett of Grinnell; and two sisters, Deanna Owens of Raytown, Mo., and Stephanie Chiarito of Chicago. Also surviving are his grandparents, Hollis and Addie Elliott of Grinnell and eight nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Rock Creek Cemetery, Jasper County, and memorial contributions may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City and/or American Lung Association.

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