

Todd Philip Keller

Todd Philip Keller, 33, of Belle Plaine died April 18, 2000 at his parents' home near Deep River.

His funeral was April 21 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Tama with Herb Knudten, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating.

Betty Backen was the organist as the congregation sang, "Just As I Am," "In the Garden" and "Spirit of Gentleness."

Casket bearers were Mark Eilander, Wade Maxwell, Jim Backen, Matt Wallace, Kurt Dale, Jay Backen and Troy Meldrem.

Interment was in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River.

Mr. Keller was born Jan. 1, 1967 in Oskaloosa, the son of Kenneth Ray and Bonnie Lee Keller. He graduated from Deep River Millersburg High School in 1985. He attended Kirkwood Community College and graduated from William Penn College in Oskaloosa in 1992.

On May 16, 1992, he married Jolene Kay Backen at St. John's Lutheran

Church. To this union, twins were born.

Mr. Keller was a telecommunications specialist with Internec Technologies in Cedar Rapids.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Tama. He was also an avid softball player and enjoyed cars.

He is survived by his wife, Jolene of Belle Plaine; a son and a daughter, Brooke and Blake; his parents, Kenneth and Bonnie Keller of Deep River; a sister, Nancy Keller of Deep River; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dorothy and Robert Backen of Tama; his grandfather, Newell Keller of Deep River; his grandmother, Patricia Ver Straeten of Grinnell; four sisters-in-law, six brothers-in-law, 10 nieces and nephews, several aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Memorials may be directed to the Todd Keller Memorial c/o Jolene Keller, 1109 15th Street, Belle Plaine, 52208.

In charge of arrangements was Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma.

MR April 26, 2000