



MATT TALBERT

Deep River teen dies Monday

Matthew Thomas Talbert, 18, Deep River, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound early Monday morning, according to the Poweshiek County Sheriff John Griffin.

Talbert was a senior at Montezuma Community High School, serving on the 1996 Homecoming Court and as a football player for the Montezuma Braves.

The death was investigated by the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department.

In reaction, Montezuma Schools cancelled all activities Monday night. A staff meeting was planned for at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday to discuss any plans for the week, and an assembly was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Brand said Monday that the school has received calls from neighboring school districts who have experienced similar situations.

"We do have counselors available and AEA 6 has an intervention team that is available to assist us," Brand said. "We'll cooperate with anyone we need to, to get through this week."

Brand said counselors will be available to help students and parents. Those wishing to talk with someone should call the high school office at 623-5121.

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Grades K-12 will be dismissed at noon Wednesday. Buses will run following dismissal. All activities following the services on Wednesday will be held as scheduled.

Matthew Thomas Talbert

Funeral services were Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. at Montezuma Community High School in Montezuma for Matthew Talbert, 18, of Deep River, who died at Deep River Monday morning, Oct. 14, 1996.

The Rev. Michael Parris of Calvary Lutheran Church, Deep River, officiated. Music selections were "Just As I Am," "Amazing Grace" and "The Lord's Prayer," by Dennis Martens, soloist, and Kathryn Shaull, pianist. Casketbearers were all the senior boys of Montezuma High School, and Jerod Chidester. Honorary bearers were all members of Montezuma High School football team. Interment was in Golden Rod Cemetery, Deep River. Arrangements were by Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.

Matthew Thomas Talbert was born Sept. 27, 1978, at Grinnell, Iowa, the son of Thomas and Dana Garrett Talbert. He was baptized in November of 1978 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River.

He was a senior at Montezuma Community High School and was involved in football and basketball. Matt was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church at Deep River. He worked this past summer for Poe Construction in Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by his two grandfathers, Eugene Garrett and Glenn Talbert.

Matt is survived by his parents, Tom and Dana of Deep River; two brothers, Daniel of Montezuma and Adam of Deep River; two grandmothers, Dorothy Talbert, and Eulalia and Gerald Bates, all of Deep River; many aunts and uncles, Dixie and Bert Byers of Amana, Diane and David George of Keswick, Debbie and Jeri Kibbee of Montezuma, David and Ann Garrett of Grimes, Beverly Altemier of Lynnville, Sheryl and Kenneth Grimm of North English, Vicky and Keith Kirchoff of Glenwood, Ark., Judy and Paul Striegel of What Cheer, David Michael Talbert of Knoxville, Karen and Jim Markham of Marshalltown, and Kris and Kevin Shaull of Deep River; many cousins; and other relatives and many friends.

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A memorial has been established in Matt's name.

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