

Mike VanErsvelde



MIKE J. VAN ERSVELDE

The son of Jim and Janet Baltisberger Van Ersvelde, Mike was born on April 19, 1972 at Grinnell.

He was graduated from B.G.M. High School with the Class of 1990. While in high school he lettered in wrestling and football. In 1991 he was graduated from Kirkwood Community College at Cedar Rapids with a diploma in auto body work. Following his education, he worked for local automobile body repair shops.

He recently was graduated with honors from Northwest Technical College at Sheldon with a diploma in power line work. He was working July 5 as an apprentice lineman for the West Point Utility Company at West Point.

Mike enjoyed being outdoors on the family farm and his hobbies included hunting and doing body work on cars.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Janet Van Ersvelde of rural Montezuma; three brothers and his sister-in-laws, Todd and Diane Van Ersvelde of North Liberty, Troy Van Ersvelde of Montezuma, and Brett and Dawnel Van Ersvelde of Montezuma; his paternal grandmother, Rachel Van Ersvelde of Brooklyn; his maternal grandparents, Ronald and Gladys Baltisberger of Malcom; his special friend, Lisa Burch; and many friends.

Mike died Tuesday, July 5 at Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison. He was 22 years of age, and he was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Raymond Van Ersvelde.

The service was held Saturday morning, July 9 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor. The clergyman was Rev. Stephen Page, pastor. Music was provided by Mrs. Marilyn Kriegel, organist and Mrs. Sue Kluber, vocalist.

Casket bearers were Rick Claeys, Brad Collum, Jeremy DeGeeter, Chad Miller, Jeff Stetzel, and Joel Thys. Honorary bearers were Ben Baltisberger, Larry Brannian, Pete Kepecko, Ron Punzel, Dennis Shine, Kent Van Ersvelde, and Dave Spiekemeier. Flower bearers were Bob and Marilyn Collum and Dale and Donna Smith.

Interment was in the Victor Memorial Cemetery.

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Mike J. Van Ersvelde, 22, of rural Montezuma, a native of Grinnell, died Tuesday, July 5, at Fort Madison Community Hospital. He was electrocuted when he came in contact with a power line while installing a utility pole for the West Point Utility Company in West Point.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor, with the Rev. Stephen Page officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel, and vocalist was Sue Kluber.

Pallbearers were Rick Claeys, Brad Collum, Jeremy DeGeeter, Chad Miller, Jeff Stetzel and Joel Thys. Honorary bearers were Ben Baltisberger, Larry Brannian, Pete Kepecko, Ron Punzel, Dennis Shine, Kent Van Ersvelde and Dave Spiekemeier.

Burial was in Victor Memorial Cemetery, with the McAninch-Fremming Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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He had recently graduated with honors from Northwest Technical College in Sheldon with a degree in power line work. At the time of his death he was working as an apprentice lineman for the West Point Utility Company.

He is survived by his parents; three brothers, Todd of North Liberty and Troy and Brett of Montezuma; his paternal grandmother, Rachel Van Ersvelde of Brooklyn; and his maternal grandparents, Ronald and Gladys Baltisberger of Malcom.

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