

Joseph 'Joey' D. Yearian



Joseph "Joey" D. Yearian, 31; of Des Moines, and formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation was planned for 1 until 8 p.m. on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the family present to greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the American Brain Tumor Association, sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Joseph Dean Yearian was born the son of Larry and Constance Phipps Yearian on Dec. 20, 1979, in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and he graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1997. He then attended Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny where he received his associates degree in culinary arts in 1999.

He continued to live in Des Moines and worked at Village Inn Restaurant in West Des Moines as associate manager for the past 12 years. He then moved back to Grinnell and has been under the care of parents and family the past several months while fighting his battle with brain cancer.

He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing with his family and friends. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes, San Francisco 49ers and Dale Earnhart, Jr. fan and he served the residents of Delaware Township as a volunteer fireman for the past four years.

Joey is survived by his parents, Larry and Connie Yearian of Grinnell; his siblings, Michael Yearian of Minneapolis, Minn., and Melissa Yearian of Ankeny; his maternal grandmother, Carolyn Dayton of Grinnell; his paternal grandmother, Icea Reed of Montezuma; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers and step-grandfathers.

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Joey was an independent, fun loving and easy going person who dearly loved his family and good friends. He was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing with his family and friends. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes, San Francisco 49ers and Dale Earnhart, Jr. fan and he served the residents of Delaware Township as a volunteer fireman for the past four years.

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He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Menzo Yearian; his maternal grandfather, Hollis Phipps; and his step-grandfathers, Cloyd Reed and Marvin Dayton.