Stephen D. Pope, 29

Stephen Douglas Pope, 29, of rural Deep River, died at his home on Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

His funeral Mass was Saturday, March 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Williamsburg, with Father Joseph Roost officiating. Interment was at the Millersburg Cemetery. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Casket bearers were Tim Cheney, Allan Hiner, Scott Pope, Doug Doehrmann, Gregg Pope, Garry Pope and Kyle Kuennen.

Stephen was born Nov. 7, 1976, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, the son of Terry and Debra (Lee) Pope. He graduated from English Valleys High School at North English in 1995 and then attended Kirkwood College and Northwest Missouri State where he received a bachelor's degree in technology and animal science. He had been working for Holden's Foundation Seed.

Stephen is survived by his parents, Terry and Debra of North English; a brother, Joseph, of North English; his paternal grandmother, Margaret Pope, of Millersburg; several aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.