

BRIAR AWTRY**Sept. 24, 1993- Feb. 12, 2023**

Briar Awtry, 29 of Montezuma passed away February 12, 2023 at his home near Montezuma. Funeral services are currently pending.

Briar Jay Awtry, the son of Robert and Dannella (Carter) Awtry, was born September 24, 1993 in Pella.

He was graduated from Knoxville High School with the class of 2012 where he enjoyed playing baseball and football.

On July 14, 2018, Briar was united in marriage to Julie Audas in Oskaloosa. To this union two sons were born, Colton and Beau.

Briar worked for Pella Corp., Theisens in Pella, PPI in Pella and most recently Iowa Wood Preservers in Oskaloosa where he was just promoted to Plant Supervisor.

Briar was first a member of the Harvey Fire Department, then Clay Township and most recently a member of the Montezuma Fire Department along with the Barnes City Fire Department where he was the current fire chief.

Briar was also taking several fire-fighting classes and going through his EMT training. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed hunting and working on small engines. Briar was a kid at heart where he was

an avid Pokemon Collector and loved playing video games.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Awtry of Montezuma; his children, Colton and Beau Awtry both of Montezuma; his parents, Bob and Dannella Awtry of Harvey; his maternal grandmother, Beverly Rumley of Carlisle; his maternal grandfather, Eugene Carter of Des Moines; parents-in-law, Steve and Judy Audas of Montezuma; his sister-in-law, Stephanie (Cody Meinecke) Audas of Montezuma; his nephew, Hunter Meinecke of Montezuma; grandmother-in-law, Jane Audas of Montezuma along with many other relatives and friends.

Briar was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William and Beverly Awtry; his step grandfather, James Rumley along with Julie's grandparents, Jim and Donna Fisk and Terry Audas and an aunt, Marcy Leeper.