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A memorial service was held at the Church of the Nazarene in Arlington, Texas, on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Visitation at Brooklyn, Iowa, will be Thursday, Aug. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nevenhoven Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Friday, Aug. 17, at 10:30 a.m. followed by burial at Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. John Dodds will officiate and the musician will be Angie Radcliffe. A luncheon will be served at the church after burial.

Curt was born in Oskaloosa on Aug. 15, 1961, to Gary and Nancy Blain. Growing up in Brooklyn, he graduated from BGM High School in 1980. He married Valerie Lavent in 1981 and moved to Arlington,

Texas, where they have made their home for 25 years.

He served four years in the U.S. Air Force while earning his A & P mechanics license from Tarrant County College. For the past 22 years, Curt has been employed by American Airlines at Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW) International Airport.

Curt loved spending time with his family and friends, coaching his kids' sports, working in the yard, cooking, grilling and spending time at their lake cabin. He was admired for his sense of humor, had a knack for "fixing" things, and enjoyed a variety of interests, not the least of which was finding a good bargain.

Curt will be greatly missed by all. Survivors include his wife, Valerie, and their children Jacob (21) and Jillian (16); his parents, Gary and Nancy Blain of Brooklyn; sisters Angie Gretter (Kenny) of Harper, Iowa, and Jeanna Hills (Matt) of West Branch, Iowa; many nieces and nephews and friends.

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