

## Dale Stevens

Dale Melvin Stevens, 34, of Ankeny, formerly of Victor, died of a gunshot wound Tuesday, Jan. 5, at his home. The death has been ruled a suicide.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the McAninch-Fremming Funeral Home in Victor, with the Revs. James P Russell of the First United Methodist Church of Ankeny and Stephen Page of St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor officiating.

Organist was Vera Bricker, and pallbearers were Daniel Belden, Wayne Coats, David Jeffries, Craig McKusker, John McKusker and Bill Misel. Military rites were conducted by members of the Victor American Legion Post, with burial in Victor Memorial Cemetery.

He was the son of Melvin James and Pamela Margaret Ringler Stevens and was born May 22, 1958, in Glendale, Calif. He graduated from HLV High School in 1977.

On June 27, 1981, he was married to Debra Lee Gwin, then of Grinnell, in McKinney, Texas. Mr. Stevens served in the U.S. Army from 1980 to 1985 and was stationed in Germany for three years. He served in the Iowa National Guard from July 1985 through July 1986 and was currently serving in the Air Force Reserves.

He had been employed as a U.S. Postal Service carrier for the past seven years.

Surviving are his wife; his parents; one brother, Darrel of Victor; two sisters, Darlene Belden of Marengo and Lori Roberts of Victor; and his grandmothers, Daisy Stevens of Victor and Margaret Ringler of Marengo. He was preceded in death by his brother, Mark, and his grandfathers, Richard Ringler and William Stevens.