

Josh McGowan, age 21, of Cherokee and formerly of Aurelia, Iowa, died Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

Joshua Shawn McGowan was born May 19, 1984 to Shawn and Megan (Broders) McGowan in Harrison, Arkansas. He moved with his family to Aurelia, Iowa, where he received his education in the Aurelia schools.

Josh participated in many activities during his school days, but he truly loved baseball and the outdoors. He liked to spend as much time with a fishing pole in his hands as possible. He enjoyed playing pool and Texas Hold'em.

Josh loved his family and reveled in the friendships he made. His time here was too short and he will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Shawn and Megan McGowan of Aurelia; sister Caiti McGowan of West Des Moines, Iowa; maternal grandparents Richard and Barb Broders of Schaller, Iowa; paternal grandmother Mary Ann McGowan of Everton, Arkansas; Nathan Kaiser; many extended family members and a host of friends.

Josh was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Dennis McGowan; and two uncles, Jon Broders and Tim Broders.



Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Others stay for awhile, pause our souls to dance,
Then leave footprints on our hearts, and...
We are never the same.

Joshua McGowan

1984 — 2006

High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed,
and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and
soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.
Hov'ring there, I've chased the
shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights
with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand,
and touched the face of God

— by **John Gillespie Magee, Jr.**

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church immediately following the service.

 **The McGowan Family**

IN MEMORY OF Joshua Shawn McGowan

May 19, 1984 — January 3, 2006

FUNERAL SERVICE
Saturday, January 7, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Aurelia, Iowa

CLERGY
Reverend Larry Lemke

ORGANIST
Jeanette Hinkeldey

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
"I Know My Redeemer Lives"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
"Just As I Am"

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
Brock Snoddy, Mathew Heubrook, Brett Phipps
Shane Curtis, Brock Biggerstaf, Jamon McGowan, Brian Bruns

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