

Sherman P. Hogrefe, age 44, of Albert City, Iowa, died on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, in rural Fonda, Iowa.

Sherman Paul Hogrefe, the son of Merle and Shirley (Farrell) Hogrefe, was born at Storm Lake, Iowa, on May 16, 1964. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. Sherm lived his youth and received his education at Albert City, graduating from Albert City High School in 1982. He continued his education at Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg and then completed his Bachelor of Science degree at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

Sherm was united in marriage to Chantelle Olson on July 31, 1982, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens, Iowa. The couple was blessed with three sons: Christopher, Tyler, and Colin. Following their marriage, Sherm and Chantelle lived at Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Brookings, South Dakota prior to moving to the Mason City, Iowa area. They returned to the Albert City area in 1993. Sherm had been self-employed in agricultural business and farming.

His occupation was “father” and his hobby was farming. He’ll be remembered by his sons as a father who was a great listener and a dad who taught his sons many lessons in life. He was always ready to help his sons and he was secure enough in himself that he didn’t care what other people thought. His parents will cherish the memories of Sherm as being a wonderful son and were proud of the father he was to his sons. Chantelle remembers that Sherm possessed the most precious and rarest gift of all— that of “forgiveness.”

Those who are grateful for having shared in his life are his wife of 25 years, Chantelle, of Albert City; his sons: Christopher and his wife, Amy Hogrefe, of North Liberty, Iowa; Tyler and his friend, Laura DeLoss, of Ames, Iowa; Colin and his friend, Michele Clapp, of Albert City; his parents, Merle and Shirley Hogrefe of Albert City; his step-grandfather, Donald Farrell, of Pocahontas, Iowa; his mother-in-law, Karen Olson, of Laurens, Iowa; three brothers-in-law, other relatives and many friends.

Sherm was preceded in death by his grandparents: Bill and Bridie Hogrefe and Jim and Bernice Farrell.

In Loving Memory



Sherman P. Hogrefe

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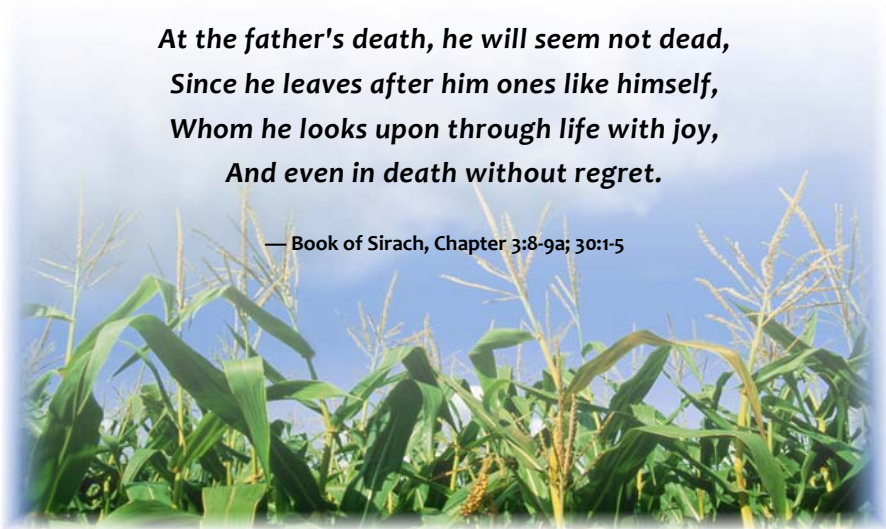
In word and deed honor your father that his blessings may come upon you; for a father's blessing gives a family firm roots.

*He who loves his children chastises them often,
That they may be his joy when they grow up.*

*He who disciplines his children will benefit from them,
And boast of them among his intimates.
He who educates his children
shows his delight in them among friends.*

*At the father's death, he will seem not dead,
Since he leaves after him ones like himself,
Whom he looks upon through life with joy,
And even in death without regret.*

— Book of Sirach, Chapter 3:8-9a; 30:1-5



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

 **The Hogrefe Family**

IN MEMORY OF

Sherman Paul Hogrefe

May 16, 1964  July 8, 2008

Funeral Mass

Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
St. Columbkille Catholic Church — Varina, Iowa

Clergy

Father Peter Fransco
Father Al Reicks

Lectors

Bonnie Balster, Jim Farrell

Organist **Cantor**
Carla Lindgren Gary Mohr

Ecumenical Ministers

Patty Crotty, Beulah Imming

Servers

Travis Crotty, Tanner Crotty, Renee Maneman

Casket Bearers

Gary Weiner, John McLaughlin, Frank Hanig
Greg Olson, Bill Wurr, Jeff Kohn, Nathan Sievers

Interment

St. Columbkille Cemetery — Varina, Iowa

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