

OBITUARIES

Rick Howe, 51

Rick Howe, 51, of the Lincoln Valley Estates, State Center, died Friday, April 23, 2004, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center Emergency Room. His death came suddenly at 7:14 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, April 28 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in State Center with Fr. Jon Seda officiating. He was laid to rest in the Dunn Cemetery at St. Anthony. The Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was entrusted by the Howe family with his final arrangements.

Born Richard Ralph Howe on Oct. 5, 1952, in Marshalltown, he was the son of Ralph and Rita (Dunn) Howe. He was raised in the "purple house" north of Clemons and graduated from the West Marshall High School, Class of 1971. He majored in agriculture and economics at Iowa State University. Rick was the captain of the ISU football team (as #56), a member of the ISU Letterman Club, and played in the World Football League. He loved and lived sports, or course following his beloved Cyclones.

On Oct. 23, 1982, he was united in marriage to Pat Hanish, the daughter of Stanley and Margaret Hanish.

Rick was employed as Director of Sow Management Pork Technician of the M2P2 Company and was a faithful and active member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in State Center, the West Marshall School Board and was active in his son's events in school. He was proud to have his eldest son, Nick, follow his footsteps to Iowa State. He will be fondly remembered for his love of ESPN, CNN and the History Channel, local activities, his

generosity, his famous fight at the Marshalltown Coliseum against Ron Standard, playing slo-pitch, his determination and grace and the overwhelming love of his family. He will be greatly missed by all of them.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 21 years, Pat, who resides at their home; two sons: Nick, 19, at ISU and Ross, 13, at home; his father Ralph R. Howe, sisters Carmen Bolton and her daughters Paige and Michelle of Melbourne; Tamma Howe of Des Moines; Connie Howe of Eldora; brothers Russell Howe of Detroit, MI; and Roger Howe of Clemons; brothers-in-law Lance (Ellen) Hanish and children Sean, Jodi and Kristin of Scottsdale, AZ; Michael (Noel) Hanish and children Patrick, Daniel and Carolyn of St. Louis, MO; Stephen (Laura) Hanish and children Joel, Luke, Alex and Ty of Minneapolis; Christopher (Deanna) Hanish and children Chad and Natalie of Waukesha, WI; sisters-in-law Nancy (John) Cahill and children Zachary and JJ of Cedar Rapids and Mary (the late Dr. Fred) Wright and child Orion of Minneapolis, as well as countless friends and colleagues.

In death he rejoins his mother Rita who died Jan. 24, 2004; his grandparents Arthur and Nellie Dunn and Ellsworth and Luella Howe, his father-in-law Stanley Hanish on Nov. 12, 2000, and mother-in-law Margaret Hanish on Dec. 4, 2001 and brother-in-law, Dr. Fred Wright.

A good dad cared for others more than himself. "We love you more, will miss you and will always be our hero." May God grant mercy on his soul. May he rest in peace. Amen.