



## Joseph Robert Ballantyne

October 26, 1988 - May 4, 2006

Joseph Robert Ballantyne: Joe passed away Thursday afternoon at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa after a tragic shooting accident, at the age of 17 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Joe's family includes his mother, Kathryn Ballantyne of San Diego, CA; his father and stepmother, Robert and Yvonne Ballantyne of Oskaloosa; stepsisters, Alishia Ballantyne at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AK and Amber Ballantyne of Oskaloosa; a sister, Alyssa Ballantyne of San Diego, CA; maternal grandparents, Joseph and Shirley Rakus of Springfield, MA; paternal grandfather, Robert and his wife, Joanie Ballantyne of Fresno, CA; paternal grandmother, Carol Sue and her husband, Francis Eckert of Columbia, SC and numerous aunts and uncles.

Joseph Robert Ballantyne, son of Robert Cochran and Kathryn Ann Rakus Ballantyne, was born October 26, 1988, in Springfield, Massachusetts. Joseph had lived with his mom and sister, Alyssa, in San Diego, California and Suffolk, Virginia prior to moving to Oskaloosa in June 2005, to live with his father and stepmother. He attended Oskaloosa Senior High School where he was a Junior and a member of the Peer Helping Program. Joe was baptized in Springfield, MA and was currently a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Joe enjoyed kick boxing, mixed martial arts, and had several gold metals in

karate and sparring competitions. He loved military history and aspired to be a Marine. He also enjoyed playing his guitar and even wrote some of his own music. Joe will be remembered as an extremely generous person with a kind and caring soul; he was sensitive to the needs of the young and old alike; he was a good listener and his big heart and goodness will hopefully overshadow the tragedy of his death.

Joe was preceded in death by a close family friend, Juana Wilson.

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