

Thursday, March 6, 2003

## Steven J. Flaute

Steven J. Flaute, 41, New Bremen, died Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at the Cleveland Clinic following a year-long illness.

He was born April 24, 1961, the son of Raymond and Rita (Ranly) Flaute, who survive in Cassella. On May 21, 1983, he married Carol Guggenbiller, who also survives along with their children, Melina, Kurt and Kristine, all at home.

Mr. Flaute is also survived by his in-laws, Gene and Freda Guggenbiller of St. Henry; and his brothers and sisters and their spouses: Ruth and William Kuhlman of Ottawa; Marjorie and Mike Millenor of Sharonville; William and Jane Flaute of Dayton; Teresa and Kenneth Gerlach of St. Henry; Joan and Kenneth Prenger of Chickasaw; Thomas and Pat Flaute of Minster; and Ann and Mike Hemmelgarn of St. Henry.

He was preceded in death by two infant brothers.

Mr. Flaute was a farmer and owner and operator of Mechanical Technology Inc. since 1988 and Mechanical Installation since 1994. A 1979 graduate of Marion Local High School, he attended Holy Redeemer Church in New Bremen and was a member of CK of A in Cassella, FOE 1391 in Minster and was a 4-H advisor. He is also known for raising hogs that were shown across the United States.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 1, 2003, at Holy Redeemer Church with the Rev. John Kroeger officiating. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Steven and Carol Flaute's Children Scholarship Fund. In lieu of thank you cards, a donation will be made to the American Cancer Society.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

