JAKE VARNELL

May 3, 1987 -- Oct. 8, 2004

Jake Varnell, 17, Galveston, died at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 2004, at St. Louis Children's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

He was born May 3, 1987, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Rodny D. Varnell and Katie Brugh, both survive.

Jake was a student at Lewis Cass High School in Walton. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Dale Earnhardt Jr. NASCAR fan. He was also a Pittsburgh Steelers Fan.

Survivors include his father, Rodny Varnell, Galveston, and his mother, Katie Brugh, Sharpsberg, Ga; paternal grandfather: Dwain & Becky Varnell, Galveston; paternal great grandmother Patsy Varnell, Ark; paternal great grandmother Elizabeth Melton, Kokomo; maternal grandfather Mike Brugh, Logansport; maternal great grandmother Irene Brugh, Logansport; maternal great grandmother: Jane Steckel, Logansport. He is also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John Varnell, earlier this year.

Service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 at New Life Assembly of God Church, 1803 East Vaile Ave., Kokomo. The Revs. Don Gifford and Jackie Varnell will officiate.

Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home 401 S. California St., Galveston.

Memorials can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund, Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis, Mo.

Murray-Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston is in charge of arrangements.

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