

**Beachy, Brian L.**

Brian L. Beachy, 30, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio and formerly of Hancock and Bay Port, passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2008 in his residence surrounded by his family.

He was born Sept. 25, 1977 in Batavia, N.Y., the son of Thomas A. and Karen J. (Swartzendruber) Beachy.

Brian was a 1995 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon, and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University, earning a bachelor's degree in biology/zoology. Continuing his studies in conservation ecology, Brian earned a master's degree at SUNY at Albany, N.Y., and he was currently a PhD candidate in Forest Science at Michigan Technological University. Most recently, Brian was employed as a conservation educator with Michigan Natural Features Inventory in Marquette.

Brian was a member of the Pigeon River Mennonite Church in Pigeon. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying camping, bird watching, golfing, canoeing and gardening. Brian also enjoyed woodworking and was an artist and a musician. He was dearly loved by his wife, Jessica (Metzger) Beachy of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, whom he met at Michigan Technological University, and married May 19, 2007; his parents, Thomas and Karen Beachy of Urbana, Ohio; paternal grandfather, Calvin Beachy Corfu, New York; his sisters, Jennifer A. (Thomas L.) Eshleman and their children, Kayley, Tanner, and Janessa, all of Akron, Pa., and Joanna K. (Garret D.) Buehler of Mechanicsburg, Ohio; his mother and father-in-law, Alan and Carmen Metzger of Plymouth; and his brother-in-law, Kirk Metzger; as well as numerous relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Aurelia (Kipfer) Beachy and maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Iva (Gunden) Swartzendruber.

Visitation will be conducted from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 30, in Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pigeon, where the funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday. Burial will be in Pigeon River Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in care of Tom and Jennifer Eshleman, 26 Dawn Ave., Akron, PA 17501.

Services are entrusted to Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.