

Beachy, Brian L.

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

He was born September 25, 1977 in Batavia, New York, the son of Thomas A. & Karen J. (Swartzendruber) Beachy.

Brian was a 1995 graduate of Laker High School, Pigeon, Michigan, and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University, earning a Bachelor degree in Biology/Zoology. Continuing his studies in Conservation Ecology, Brian earned a Masters degree at SUNY at Albany, New York, 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, Michigan.

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 wood working 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 & Karen Beachy of Urbana, Ohio; paternal grandfather, Calvin Beachy of Corfu, New York; his sisters, Jennifer A. (Thomas L.) Eshleman & their children, Kayley, Tanner, and Janessa, all of Akron, Pennsylvania, and Joanna K. (Garret D.) Buehler of Mechanicsburg, Ohio; his mother & father-in-law, Alan & Carmen Metzger of Plymouth, Michigan; 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 & Iva (Gunden) Swartzendruber.

Visitation will be held from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, in Pigeon River Mennonite Church, Pigeon, where the Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 31. 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.