

Michael A. Heitkamp

Michael A. Heitkamp, age 42, of New Bremen died on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus from complications due to cancer.

He was born on May 13, 1966 in Coldwater. He was the son of George and Evelyn (Winner) Heitkamp who survive near New Bremen. On Aug. 24, 2007 he married Teresa Gushing who survives in New Bremen.

Also surviving are two step sons Jacob and Nicholas Gushing at home, his siblings Greg (Jill) Heitkamp, Karen (Ken) Balster and Bob (Amy) Heitkamp, all of New Bremen. Other survivors include a number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins by the dozens.

Mike was a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen. He was a member of the New Bremen/German Twp. Fire Department, the Sons of the American Legion Post 241 of New Bremen, the Home Benefit Association, the Auglaize Co. Farm Bureau and was a German Twp. Trustee since 2006 and a member of the District Board of the Grand Lake Health System. He was a 1984 graduate of New Bremen High School and was a member of the "Chain Gang" for New Bremen Football since 2002. He was employed at Crown Equipment Corp. for more than 24 years where he was in the special projects engineering department. He was also engaged in farming his entire life and along with his brothers owned GMR Pork.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen with Rev. Thomas Mannebach officiating. Burial followed in the German Protestant Cemetery in New Bremen. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Bremen Fire Foundation. Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home of New Bremen is in charge of arrangements.