



Francisco Javier Zapata, 34, of Columbus City, died Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at his home in Columbus City.

Mass of the Resurrection was at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, January 11, 2008 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Columbus Junction, Iowa. Rev. Paul Appel officiated. Burial was in Columbus City Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jorge Zapata, Josh Zapata, Randy Miguel Zapata, Emmanuel Zapata and Alberto Zapata. Following the committal services, a time of food and fellowship was held at the St. Joseph Church Egert Hall. Visitation was held on Thursday, January 10th, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. with prayers of the Rosary at 8:00 P.M. at the Stacy-Lewis Home for Funeral and Cremation Services. A memorial has been established at the funeral home in Francisco's name. Sympathy notes may be left to the Zapata family at www.lewisfuneralhomes.com.

Francisco Javier Zapata was born March 12, 1973 in Puebla, Mexico, the son of Juan Antonio and Ana Maria (Zamora) Zapata. Francisco had worked as a forklift driver at Heinz USA in Muscatine. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Francisco enjoyed spending time with his children, his brothers, his special friend, Marisol, and playing his Play Station 3.

Francisco will be dearly missed by his children, Derek Zapata, Carlos Zapata, Alexandra Zapata and Kristina Zapata, all of Muscatine; his parents, Juan and Ana Zapata of Columbus City; and his brothers, Jorge Zapata and wife, Esmeralda and their children, Junior, Luis and Jose of Columbus City, David Zapata and wife, Juanita of California, Juan Jose Zapata and wife, Luci and their daughter, Kiara of Hawaii, Josh Zapata and wife, Samantha and their son, Seth of Virginia, Randy Miguel Zapata of Columbus City, Emmanuel Zapata of Virginia and Alberto Zapata of Columbus City.

Francisco was preceded in death by his grandparents.