

Joel Andersen, 18

Funeral services for Joel Andersen, 18-year-old son of Jim and Jan Andersen of Rt. 4, Harlan, were held Friday morning (July 8) at Harlan Community High School auditorium.

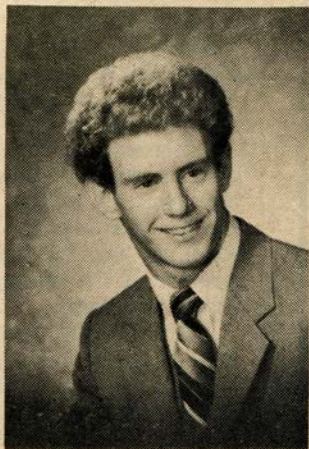
He died Tuesday evening (July 5) while participating in a high school baseball game at Council Bluffs. Results of an autopsy were not available at press-time.

Informed sources said Andersen, a varsity performer for the Harlan Community High School Cyclones, collapsed at about 9 p.m., while playing left field in the third inning of the second game of a double-header vs. Abraham Lincoln high school.

Coach Marshall Enderlin and others administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation until a medical emergency team arrived. Electric shock treatments were given upon the arrival of the ambulance. Andersen never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead on arrival at Jennie Edmundson Hospital at 9:58 p.m.

Joel was born with a congenital heart defect and had corrective surgery when he was 11 years old. He had received a doctor's approval to play baseball but was advised to give up football and basketball.

Andersen, who graduated at HCHS in May, had lettered



Joel Andersen
(1983 graduation photo)

three years in baseball. He was also a five-year member of Center Corners 4-H club; a trumpet player for the HCHS Jazz Band for three years, and was past-president of the HCHS Band; a 1982 member of the Shelby County 4-H Council, and a five-year member of Faith Sound, a youth musical group.

Surviving besides his parents are two sisters, Jeannine, a student at Graceland College in Lamoni, and Jill, at home; paternal grandparents, James and Elsie Andersen, Hancock; and maternal grandfather, Lynn Handlen of Council Bluffs.

Burmeister Funeral Home handled the arrangements in Harlan.