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CEDAR RAPIDS -- William H. Behrens, 49, of 202 26th St. Dr. SE, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, near Appleton, Wis., as the result of an auto accident. Memorial services: 2 p.m. Wednesday, First Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Larry Hayward. Inurnment will be at a later date. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Laura; two sons, Christian and Isaac, both at home; his mother, Martha of Red Wing, Minn.; two sisters, Marne Peterson (Tim) of Ellsworth, Wis., and Gene Behrens of Mount Joy, Pa.; his mother-in-law, Carol Piper of Oelwein; and nine nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Bill was born Jan. 4, 1955, in Red Wing, Minn., the son of Kenneth and Martha Howe Behrens. Bill was a member of the Cedar Rapids Symphony. He taught low brass instruments as an adjunct professor at Coe and Cornell colleges, as well as giving music lessons out of his home. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, the International Trombone Association, The American Federation of Musicians and the Cedar Rapids Coin Club.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Bill's name.