Passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2010 in Winona, MN. David was born May 14, 1958 in Kalamazoo, the son of Kenneth and Evelyn (De Hollander) Essar. He was a Boy Scout and had earned his Eagle Scout rank, the Order of the Arrow, his God and Country Award and in his junior year of high school, became a member of the National Honor Society. David served one year with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He graduated from Gull Lake High School in 1976, from Ferris State College in 1981 with a Masters in Pharmacy and from the University of Iowa in 1989 with a Doctorate in Microbiology. David was awarded the "Professor of the Year" in 1998. This honor was decided by the students voting for their favorite professor at Winona State University.

On July 20, 2002, David married Andrea Foss, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Mitchell, daughter, Hannah, his parents, Kenneth and Evelyn Essar, a sister, Cathy J. Essar, nephew Robert Roessler and a niece, Kelsey Roessler.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Winona State University Foundation, C/O the Dr. David W. Essar Memorial Fund, PO Box 5838, Winona, MN 55987, 1-800-342-5978 or a charity of one's choice. Local arrangements by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 622 S. Burdick St. Please visit www.langelands.com for online obituary, directions, register book and condolences. 1-269-343-1508

David loved his Lord, Jesus Christ. Though we miss David here, we rejoice that David is now comfortably in the arms of his creator. The creator Himself has now answered all David’s questions about nature and creation and his favorite subjects – microbiology and disease. His need to do research has ended. He now walks hand in hand with Jesus Christ in paradise.

A memorial gathering is being planned for faculty, staff, former

students, current students and friends and family at the home of Dr. Paul and Susan Degallier, 299 E. Garvin Heights Road, Winona, MN 55987.

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