

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 4, 2006

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland

0-51331

75-3199276

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File No.)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

15W060 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois

60527

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 242-7700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 4, 2006, Dr. Kenneth Cmiel, a Director of BankFinancial Corporation (the "Company") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, BankFinancial, F.S.B. (the "Bank"), passed away unexpectedly as a result of a previously undetected brain tumor. Dr. Cmiel served as a Director of the Bank since 1989 and as a member of its Asset Liability Management Committee, a Director of the Company since its formation in 2004, and a Director of the Company's predecessor federal corporations from 1999 to 2005. Dr. Cmiel was a Professor of History and American Studies at the University of Iowa, and the Director of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: February 9, 2006

By: /s/ James J. Brennan

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James J. Brennan  
Executive Vice President and  
Corporate Secretary