



THE LIFE STORY OF —

Craig A. Ahrenholtz

DEFIANCE — Craig Alan Ahrenholtz, son of Harry E. and Annajean Errett Ahrenholtz, was born in Manning, on Oct. 23, 1956. He died at Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs, on Jan. 25, 1977, as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident, at 20 years, three months and two days. He was baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist church in Defiance. Craig grew up on his parent's farm near Defiance and attended grade school and high school in Irwin where he was very active in athletics, drama, speech and music. During the 1973-74 school year he was listed in Who's Who Among Outstanding High School Students. Craig graduated from the Irwin Community high school in 1975. He was presented the Citizenship Award by the Iowa Bar Assn. and won an academic and football scholarship to Northwestern College at Orange City. Craig had been an active member of 4-H for many years and showed the Grand Champion - Reserve Champion at the 1975 Shelby County Fair. He was currently a student at ISU, at Ames.

Craig was preceded in death by an infant sister, Cynthia; a brother, Jack; his maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Artie Errett; and by his paternal grandmother, Mrs Louis Ahrenholtz. His survivors include his parents, Mr and Mrs Harry E. Ahrenholtz of Defiance; three brothers - Harry, Jr., of Salina, Kans., Roger of Manilla, and Clark of Ames; three sisters - Marijean Ahrenholtz of Glenwood, Annette (Mrs John Kloewer) of Defiance and Jane Ahrenholtz of Harlan; his paternal grandfather, Louis Ahrenholtz of Defiance; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 28, 1977, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan and Pastor Richard D. Creek, Jr., pastor of the Irwin Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Dave Muell, Bruce Arentson, Larry Arentson, Lois Arentson, Arlin Sorenson and Dallas McDermott, members of the Shelby County 4-H Council, serving as honorary casketbearers and Benji Brue, Jay Nielsen, Alan Kenkel, Don Holloway, Tom Holdsworth, Dennis Andersen, Dennis McDermott, and Keith Ahrenholtz serving as casketbearers.