

Larry Benson, 56

Jan. 6, 1948 - July 30, 2004

CLEAR LAKE – Larry L. Benson was born Jan. 6, 1948, in Harlan, the son of Bert and Agneta (Flug) Benson. He graduated from Ventura High School in 1967. He entered the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War. Following the service with the Navy, he joined the 1133rd Transportation Unit and served during the Desert Storm and was a member for 22 years.

Larry married Judy Dyre Nov. 16, 1973, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ventura. He has worked for the City of Clear Lake in the street department for over 28 years. He was a member of Clear Lake CB Club (Muddy Pond) and was known as the Paper Tiger until it disbanded, a member of the Clear Lake Volunteer Fire Department for over 13 years and Zion Lutheran Church. He died July 30, 2004, at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City, at age 56.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bertha; and wife, Judy, in 1998. Larry is survived by his two children, Trinity Benson (Erica) and their two children, Nathan and Pierce Benson of Clear Lake; and Terry Benson of Clear Lake and her fiancé, Jon Moritz, Ventura; his brother, Gary Benson (Sibyl) of Dalton, GA; his four sisters, Ardelle Pope of Harlan; Rose Marie Gross (Russell) of Aurora, MN; Betty Page of Albert Lea, MN; and Carol Steinlicht of Garner; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Colleen and Jim Dyre of Clear Lake; his aunts, Lenora Conrad of Harlan and Mandie Ellingson of Richfield, MN; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2004, at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake with Rev. Dean Hess officiating. Burial was in the Clear Lake Cemetery with military honors by the 1133rd Transportation Unit. Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel in Clear Lake in charge of arrangements.

