

Ricky Brensel, 52

Oct. 16, 1950 - July 7, 2003

HARLAN – Ricky Ray Brensel, son of Harold and Dorothy Baker Brensel, was born Oct. 16, 1950, in Harlan. He attended Harlan Community Schools and was a member of the graduating class of 1969 from the Harlan Community High School.

Nov. 14, 1970, he married Shirley Marie Kasperbauer at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Three children were born to this union, Lisa, Aaron and Justin. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan. He worked road construction and operated heavy machinery with Hallett Materials for many years. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Harlan. Rick died July 7, 2003, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 52 years, eight months and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Carmen Kay Brensel, and his mother, Dorothy Brensel, June 1, 2003. Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Harlan; his children, Lisa (Jose) Zamago of Denison; Aaron Brensel of Logan; and Justin Brensel of Harlan; his father, Harold LeRoy Brensel of Harlan; two grandchildren; his brothers, Harold Brensel (Marlene) of Harlan; and Dave Brensel of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 10, 2003, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Al Hazelton officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Bob Clark, Bruce "Augie" Arkfeld, Jack Larsen, Steve Dages, Mark E. Kaufman and Nate Brensel casket bearers.

