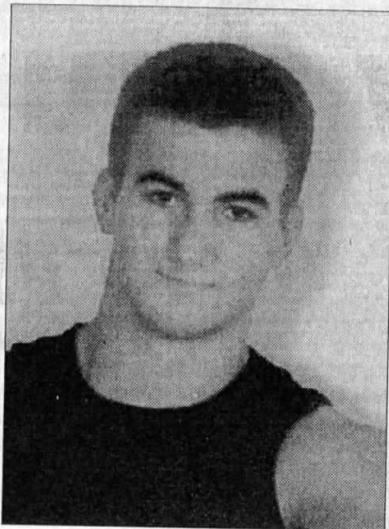


Nicholas Buboltz, 22

July 15, 1987 - Feb. 20, 2010

SHELBY — Nicholas Lee Buboltz

was born on July 15, 1987, to Don and Amy (Lillard) Buboltz in Harlan. He attended school in Avoca; Omaha, NE; Valley, NE; and Neola. Nick graduated from the Tri-Center Schools in 2006 and went on to join the Steamfitters and Plumbers Local Union 464. Out of approximately 200 applicants, he was the only person accepted into the apprenticeship program directly out of high school. Upon his death, Nick had completed nearly four of the five year apprenticeship. Nick was exceptionally accomplished for such a young man on many levels. He purchased his own home when he was only twenty years old. He always took



pride in earning his own way and doing things for himself. Nick was especially close to his family and friends; never passing up an opportunity to visit, play cards or share stories. He was extremely loyal and loving to his friends always willing to share a hug or a smile. Likewise, he never hesitated to defend his friends or his family and he was particularly protective of his little brother, Ross. Nick's interests also included water skiing, horseback riding, gardening and ice hockey. He enjoyed trips with his family on horseback through the Continental Divide, white water rafting and trips to see friends in California. In high school, Nick was an accomplished horseman and earned his money training horses for others. He also enjoyed working for Randy Pauley building homes. Nick died as a result of a tragic accident on Saturday, February 20, 2010, having attained the age of twenty-two years, seven months, and five days.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Larry Buboltz and Thomas S. Lillard III. He is survived by his parents Don and Amy Buboltz of Shelby, his brother Ross Buboltz of Shelby, grandparents Judy and Ron Ring of Neola and Donna Farrell and her husband Vern Ensminger of Shelby. He is also survived by aunts Leslie Peters of Shelby, Leanne Travis of Harlan, Beth Buboltz of Shelby; uncles Brian Buboltz of Shelby, Marvin Travis of Harlan and Scott Peters of Avoca and many other beloved family and friends.

Pastor Dennis Reich conducted the 10:30 AM funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Honorary

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casket bearers were Nick's cousins: Brock Travis, Malory Peters, Courtney Travis, Sam Peters, and Brian Buboltz. Serving as casket bearers were Jeffrey Tiffin, Sr., Jacob Clevenger, John Clevenger, Ross Buboltz, Alex Patterson, and Jim Edwards. Interment was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.

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