

Ronald W. Buckley, 55

Sept. 16, 1944 - July 28, 2000

EARLING - Ronald Wayne Buckley, son of Edward and Cecelia (Leinen) Buckley, was born Sept. 16, 1944, in Co. Bluffs. He was baptized at St. Mary's in Panama. He graduated with the class of 1962 from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. He enlisted in the United States Army National Guard Aug. 2, 1962, at Atlantic, and specialized as a light weapons infantry man. He was honorably discharged Oct. 20, 1964.

He married Judith Ann Finken June 11, 1966, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Three children were born to this union, Michelle, Julie and Michael. He worked as a service

station attendant in Earling for a short time and for Blue Bunny as a salesman for over 22 years. June 10, 2000, Ron and Judy celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, the Knights of Columbus, Earling Council No. 1741 and also the American Legion Post No. 615. He died July 28, 2000, at his home in Earling, at age 55 years, 10 months and 12 days.

In addition to his father, Edward, Ronald was preceded in death by his brother, Robert. Survivors include his wife, Judith of Earling; his children, Michelle Buckley of Sioux City; Julie (Mike) Bratcher of Omaha, NE and Michael Buckley of Earling; six grandchildren; his mother, Cecelia Buckley of Earling; brothers, Richard Buckley (Jane) of Glenwood; Rusty Buckley and Jane Blum of Earling; Rex Buckley (Irene) of Harlan; sisters, Linda Buckley of Omaha, NE and LuAnn Buckley of Earling; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 31, 2000, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Rev. Michael Berner celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post No. 615 of Earling. Honorary casket bearers were Phil Freund, Jane Freund, Duane Tigges, Rusty Buckley, Linda Buckley, Chad Koppold and Duane Finken. Casket bearers were Ryan Finken, Jacob Henscheid, Jason Finken, John Buckley, Tim Gower and Kevin Buckley. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

