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**Darrell "Spanky" Clayton, 59**

*Nov. 16, 1943 - April 2, 2003*

**WALNUT** – Darrell Vernon Clayton was born Nov. 16, 1943, south of Walnut, son of Robert and Etta Belle Paasch Clayton, and was one of seven children in the family. He attended school in Walnut.

Darrell, better known as "Spanky" married Deborah Michaelsen Feb. 19, 1972, in Walnut. They were the parents of two daughters, Kelli and Jennifer. Spanky worked in the trucking business, driving for Andersen, Emken, Schueman and Matthies Trucking firms. He died suddenly at his residence in Walnut, April 2, 2003, at age 59 years, four months and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Kendall and Dale Clayton. He is survived by his wife, Deb; his two daughters, Kelli Clayton and Jennifer Clayton; and two grandchildren, Kelly and Kody Barton, all living in Walnut; two sisters, Wanda Pickenpaugh (Roger) of Omaha, NE and Lucinda Nielsen (Bernie) of Casco, ME; two brothers, Eugene Clayton (Jeanette) of Walnut and Larry Clayton (Sadie) of Fayetteville, PA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 7, 2003, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Pastor Doris Ruben and Mr. Bob Greenwall officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Blum, Gary Nash, Bob Corey, Doug Matthies, Robert Skow and John Hoffman. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.