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Thomas D. Else, 24

CORNING — Thomas Dee Else, son of Vernon and Donna Fudge Else was born Nov. 23, 1962 at Corning. At the age of 3, his family moved to the Harlan area where he attended the Harlan Community Schools and graduated in 1981. He loved automobiles and enjoyed preparing for and participating in demolition derbys and enduro races as well as body and mechanic work.

He had various jobs including road construction, Variety Distributors of Harlan and he enjoyed most doing farm work for others. For a number of years he was an active member of the Earling Fire Dept. and enjoyed participating in water fights. He had currently resided at Kirkman with his friend of four years and their three year old son, of whom he was very proud. He died June 20, 1987 in an automobile accident in Manilla at age 24 years, 6 months and 27 days.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Victor Else, maternal grandfather, Cecil Fudge and an uncle, Larry Fudge. Survivors include Kandi Archibald and their son, David of Kirkman; parents, Vern and Donna Else and one sister, Theresa all of Earling; paternal grandmother, Velma Else of Villisca and maternal grandmother, Glenna (Mrs Harold) Holdren of Harlan; along with several other relatives.

Funeral services were June 24, 1987 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Fr. Jon Kautsky of Bayard and Fr. Greg Leach of Earling, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Grove cemetery at Corning with Arlyn Oman, Gary Poole, Sonny Goans, Kent Archibald, Kirk Archibald, Kevin Archibald, Kenny Harryman and Jim Klein as honorary casketbearers and Mark Ozbun, Ralph Bruck, Greg Marshall, Scott Shanahan, Dave Buck and Larry Andersen serving as casketbearers.