

## Gary Allyn Erb, 53

April 21, 1942 - Nov. 10, 1995

**MANNING-** Gary Allyn Erb, son of Allyn and Thelma (Wetzel) Erb, was born April 21, 1942 on a farm five and one half miles east of Irwin. He attended Jefferson #7 country school through the sixth grade and completed Junior High and graduated from Irwin High School in 1960. He farmed with his parents and after high school he rented some ground to start farming on his own. He served six years in the Iowa National Guard.

April 16, 1966 he married Myrna Guth in Irwin. To this union three children were born. After their marriage, he continued to farm in the Irwin area. He started playing softball in Fiscus during his high school years and continued playing as well as coaching for teams in Irwin, Harlan and Kirkman. In 1995 the Kirkman softball team presented a plaque for Gary's 30 years of service as ball player and coach. The Prairie Rose Carp softball team members were special friends. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin where he was also a member of and Past President of the church board, a member of the Shelby County Pork Producers where he received the Hog Wild Award in 1983 and Pork Producer of the Year Award in 1991, and was on the Shelby County Cattle Producers Board of Directors. He was also a past member of the Iowa National Guard. He died on Nov. 10, 1995 at the Mid-Dakota Hospital in Chamberlain, SD at age 53 years, six months and 20 days.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria Huff, and a nephew, Nathan Erb. He is survived by his wife, Myrna Erb of Manning; his children, Rhonda Erb of Saipan; Brian Erb of Irwin and Kevin Erb of Manning; his father, Allyn (Leona) Erb of Manning; his brothers and sisters, Dennis (Judy) Erb of Irwin; Roger Erb of Manning; Sharon (Dick) Monson of Harlan and Diana (Bill) Barton of Omaha, NE. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Dan Huff of Harlan; a step-brother, Tom (Cheryl) Ferry of Harlan and a step-sister, Linda (Dennis) Wildner of Omaha, NE; nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and other relatives.