

Jason Gessert, 21 Jan. 8, 1975 - Nov. 2, 1996

HARLAN - Jason LaVern Gessert, son of Darold Gessert and Karla Hansen Christiansen, was born Jan. 8, 1975 at Omaha, NE. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He attended Harlan Schools until 1992, when he moved to North Platte, NE, where he graduated in 1994. He was an avid bowler and won Junior Bowling and Father and Son Bowling tournaments. He also won many trophies in trap shooting and loved to race his dirt bike. He was employed as an equipment operator by Brower Construction Co. He died Nov. 2, 1996, as the result of an automobile accident in Holt County, NE at age 21 years, nine months and 25 days.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Jon Francis; his paternal grandparents, Donald and Regina Gessert, and his maternal grandmother, Donna Mae Hansen, Surviving are his father, Darold Gessert of Harlan; his mother, Karla Christiansen, and his stepfather, Lanny (Hank) Christiansen of North Platte, NE; his grandfather, LaVern G. Hansen (Opal) of Sunset Beach, Mathis, TX; his aunts and uncles, Mike (Colleen) Hansen; Ralph (Mickie) Gessert; Donald (Sue) Gessert; JoAnn (Lonnie) Rose; Wayne Gessert; Rozann (Lee) Treasner; Dale (Georgia) Gessert; Diane (Terry) Derby; Kathy (John) Kelly; Marcia (Tom) Albertson; Randy Gessert; Darwin (Mary) Gessert; Dean (Deb) Gessert; Beverly Gessert and Donna Jean Gessert and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 5, 1996, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gordon Gittins celebrating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Chad Kelly. Michael Albertson, Bill Dolge, Chris Kelly, Tom Stanley, Josh Stone, Jerry Falkena and Chad Peterson honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Chad Lyon, Stephen Gessert, Frank Derby, Trent Hansen, Geoff Falkena and Bill Albertson, Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.