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Samuel Lee Goetz, 29

MANILLA - Samuel Lee Goetz was born April 3, 1959 and was adopted by Walter and Alda Schwery Goetz from Christ Child Home in Des Moines. He made his home with his adoptive parents in Manilla and attended Manilla schools. He finished his high school education while in the U.S. Army. After he was discharged from the Army he was engaged in trucking.

On March 21, 1981 he married Rhonda Larsen at Audubon. To this union was born one son, Isaiah. He was interested in trucking all of his life. At the time of his fatal accident he was trucking for Koch Truck Line out of Sabetha, KS. The accident in which he was killed instantly took place on 1-70 20 miles west of Green River, UT on June 8, 1988. He was 29 years.

2 months and 5 days of age.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leo and Priscilla Schwery and Joe and Antonia Goetz, as well as by his sister, Jackie, in 1985. He is survived by his father, Walter Goetz of Defiance; his mother, Alda Goetz and Vernon Nordby of Manilla; his former wife, Rhonda Goetz and their son, Isaiah of Audubon; three sisters, Julie Goetz and her son, Justin of Omaha and Joan and Jean Goetz both of Manilla; his godmother, Rita Doran of Harlan and by aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 13, 1988 at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla with Rev. Fr. Lloyd White officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet cemetery with Rick Doran, Dan Schwery, Tom Goetz, Galen Pauley, Tim Schwery and Tony Goetz Jr. as casket bearers. Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.