

Lynn Gross, 47

Jan. 10, 1956 - Jan. 17, 2003

OMAHA – Lynn Joseph Gross was born Jan. 10, 1956, to Ray and Ella Mae Schneider Gross in Manning. He had the distinction of being the only son of six children born to Ray and Ella Mae. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and attended grade school at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling. He was a member of the Harlan Community High School graduating class of 1974. Following high school, he worked in Onawa and Missouri Valley. In 1983, he became a truck driver for Products Unlimited of Omaha, NE, driving over one million miles during his 19 years with the company.



It was at Products Unlimited that Lynn met Joni Burton. The couple were married June 9, 1990, and made their home in Omaha. Two daughters, Tanya and Debra, from Lynn's previous marriage joined them in 1991 following the death of their mother, Teresa Halbur. Lynn continued to drive for Products Unlimited until his health forced him to retire in April of 2002. He died Jan. 17, 2003, at the Methodist Hospice Home in Omaha, NE, at age 47 years and seven days.

He is preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Joni Gross of Omaha, NE; daughters, Tanya Gross of Omaha, NE and Debra (Antwan) Flourony of Omaha, NE; one granddaughter, Karissa Mae Gross; sisters, Joyce (Sylvan) Kenkel of Panama; Edna (Bruce) Smith of Lewis; Marla (Larry) Moller of Griswold; Diane (David) Rogers of Denison; and Jolene (Michael) Wilson of Earling; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 24, 2003, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, with the Rev. Michael Peters celebrating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling, with Denny Tomsu, William Cary and Randy Burton honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Ritch Burton, Chey Tomsu, Jim Malcom, Terry Kenkel, Dan Wingert and Jus Ignowski. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.