

Merle Juhl, 53

July 21, 1950 - Sept. 19, 2003

KENT, WA – Merle Dee Juhl, son of LaVerne L. and Lillian E. (Zaiger) Juhl, was born July 21, 1950, in Carroll. He graduated from Irwin High School in 1968, and began his college education with four years of college at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Aug. 15, 1970, in Manning, Merle married Cynda Musfeldt. The couple farmed near Irwin. Merle later returned to school, attending Iowa State University in Ames, and graduating in February, 1981, with a degree in electrical engineering. This career led him to jobs at Boeing in Seattle, WA; Emerson Electric in St. Louis, MO; and Honeywell in Albuquerque, NM. He attended Renton Technical College to study computer programming, and he did private consultant work in the computer field. He built computers for his family because he liked working with computers. Merle was currently enrolled in the Excel Leadership in Ministry degree program at Puget Sound Christian College in Shoreline, WA. Merle attended the Spring Brook Church of Christ in Renton, WA. He was a member of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers). Merle Juhl died Sept. 19, 2003, at his home in Kent, WA, at age 53 years, one month and 29 days.

Preceding Merle in death was his father. Survivors include his wife, Cynda Juhl of Kent, WA; his mother, Lillian Juhl of Irwin; three brothers, Lowell (Wanda) Juhl of Irwin; Roger (Karen) Juhl of Lititz, PA; and Bruce Juhl of Denver, CO; one sister, Myrna (Richard) Schwarte of Irwin; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 27, 2003, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan, with Pastor Ted Sieck of the Church of Christ, Irwin, officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Earl Steffes and LeRoy Huey. Casket bearers were Dennis Juhl, Rick Musfeldt, Randy Musfeldt, Leon Zaiger, Lowell Juhl, Roger Juhl, Bruce Juhl and Richard Schwarte. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.