

James Kommes, 46

Oct. 5, 1955 - May 25, 2002

EXIRA - James Paul Kommes, the son of Ambrose and Geraldine Anstey Kommes, was born Oct. 5, 1955, in Detroit, MI. He was baptized Oct. 5, 1955, in Detroit, MI, at the Providence Hospital and was confirmed at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Exira. He grew up in Exira and attended the Exira Community School. After finishing high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge.

James married Karla Magnussen Feb. 26, 1977, in Audubon. To this union two children were born, Isaac Paul Kommes and Chelsi Kay Kommes. He worked as a mechanic in Amby's Garage, was a truck driver for Werner's Trucking and Atlantic Carriers, and worked at Exira Farm Service. He was a member of the Ballou American Legion Post #332 in Exira, and a member of ABATE Motorcycle Club. He died May 25, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 46 years, seven months and 20 days.

Preceding him in death were his father; his grandparents, Frank and Elizabeth Kommes and Charles and Marcella Anstey; his aunt, Elaine Kommes; his uncles, Leo Anstey and Gene Anstey, and his cousin, Douglas Kommes. He is survived by his son, Isaac (Amanda) Kommes of Exira; his daughter, Chelsi Kommes of Casey; his grandchildren, Cody Kommes of Exira and Zachery Bush of Audubon; his mother, Geraldine Kommes of Exira; his sister, Jerlyn (Bob) Ewing of Appleton, WI; his nephews and niece, Jamie Buckholdt of Harlan; Cathy (Colburn) Warner of Harlan and Bryan Buckholdt of Omaha, NE; his special friend, Marcia Holloway of Harlan; aunts, uncles and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted by Father Chris Fontanini May 29, 2002, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Exira. Graveside military rites were conducted by the Ballou American Legion Post #332 of Exira. Burial was in the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Cemetery in Exira. Honorary casket bearers were Larry Anstey, Greg Anstey, Anthony Anstey, Curt Anstey, George Christ, Carl Haskins, Charles Anstey, Michael Warnaca and Dave Dennis. Casket bearers were Dan Hines, Jerry Thompson, Mike Bintner, Gary Smouse, Curt Christensen and Michael Doyle.
