

James Friend, 52 ✓

Sept. 4, 1951 - May 8, 2004

OMAHA, NE – James Leroy Friend, son of Max L. and F. Jeanne Luney Friend, was born Sept. 4, 1951, in Harlan. As a youth he was a member of the Boy Scouts. Jim also mowed lawns and delivered the Nonpareil Newspaper. While in high school, he was a member of the wrestling team and he worked T&I for Firestone Tire. He graduated from Harlan Community High School in 1970.

January 27, 1973, Jim married Carrie Ludwick at Country Side Church in Omaha, NE. To this union one daughter, Jennifer, was born. They made their home in Omaha, NE.

July 20, 1980, he married Kimberly Anne Hoogensen. He worked as a racehorse groom and assistant trainer for many years. He died May 8, 2004, at Hospice House, The Josie Harper Residence in Omaha, NE, at age 52 years, eight months and four days.

His father, Max L. Friend; his maternal grandparents, J. Gordon and Gladys M. Luney; and his paternal grandmother, Frances M. Goodner, preceded Jim in death. He is survived by his daughter, Jennfier (Robert) Carleton of Trimble, MO; one grandson, Seth Robert Carleton; and one granddaughter, Madisen Carleton, both of Trimble, MO; his mother, F. Jeanne Friend of Harlan; a brother, Robert Friend (Gwen) of Bellevue, NE; three sisters, Barbara Aitkenhead of Omaha, NE; Janet (James) Swensen of Harlan; and Joanne (Alan) Kenkel of Defiance; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 11, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank clergy. Casket bearers were Robert M. Friend, Gaike A. Knudson, Max A. Kenkel, Robert C. Aitkenhead, Samuel F. Kenkel and Alan G. Kenkel. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.

