

Leroy Fritz, 52 -

Dec. 23, 1958 - May 11, 2011

SHELBY — Leroy Bernard Fritz, the son of Emil and Mildred (Kallhoff) Fritz, Jr., was born on December 23, 1958, in Neligh, NE. He attended St. Pius X Elementary School in Omaha, NE, and graduated from Benson High School in 1977. Leroy worked for American Electric in Omaha for many years. In 2003, he began working full-time as a cabinet and furniture maker; despite a long battle of cancer, he worked as much as he could. In 2004, Leroy moved to Shelby, where he extensively remodeled his home.

June 21, 1980, Leroy married June E. Brennan in Omaha, NE; they later divorced. In July, 2003, he and the love of his life and best friend, Celeste Morris, committed to a life together and made their home in Shelby. Leroy was a member of the Shelby United Methodist Church in Shelby. He was an animal lover (he especially liked eagles) who enjoyed riding his Goldwing motorcycle, listening to country music, and playing chess. A trip to Arkansas in 2009 held special memories for him. Leroy also liked following the Nebraska Huskers and the Atlanta Braves. Leroy B. Fritz died on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at his home in Shelby, having reached the age of 52 years, 4 months, and 18 days.

Leroy was preceded in death by his father and two infant brothers. He is survived by his love, Celeste Morris of Shelby; three daughters, Kelsey Fritz and Shari (Pat) Johnson, both of Omaha, NE, and Amy (Shawn) Rice of Slidell, LA; one son, Brandon (Kathryn) Fritz of Seattle, WA; his mother, Mildred Fritz of Omaha, NE; two sisters, Bette (Tim) Matza of Omaha, NE, and Nancy Doyle (friend, Vern Pomerleau) of Council Bluffs; one brother, Larry Fritz of Omaha, NE; eight grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Shelby United Methodist Church in Shelby, with Pastor Orris L. Drake officiating. Bev Goshorn was the musician, and Brandon Fritz and Jordan Adams were special speakers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital Wings of Hope, Council Bluffs, and Myrtue Medical Center Hospice, Harlan. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.



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