

Dale Holtz, 55 ✓

Nov. 29, 1950 - Oct. 7, 2006

AVOCA — Dale Dean Holtz, the son of Fred J. and Arlene L. Thomsen Holtz, was born Nov. 29, 1950, in Council Bluffs. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Dale attended school in Avoca and graduated with the Class of 1969. He then went to Nebraska College of Business for two years and majored in accounting.

Dale married Debra Joan Clark April 16, 1977, at Trinity Lutheran Church. To this union three children were born, Jennifer, Jamie and Justin. He worked as a self employed farmer, a hog manager for Nelson Farm Supply and at Proliant. Due to health reasons Dale retired in February 2006. He died Oct. 7, 2006, at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 55 years, 10 months and eight days.

Dale is preceded in death by his mother, Arlene. Survivors include his wife, Debra of Avoca; his children, Jennifer Holtz of Fort Dodge; Jamie Holtz of Des Moines and Justin Holtz of Norman, OK; his father, Fred Holtz of Avoca; his brothers and sisters: Patricia (Raymond) Ostrus of Wiota; Kenneth Holtz (Deborah) of Kennard, NE; Nancy (Larry) Ellison of Griswold; Duane "Blackie" Holtz (Sandra) of Avoca and Roger Holtz (Brenda) of Elliott and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2006, with Pastor Dennis Reich and Wayne Paulsen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were the Avoca Fred Funston Post No. 227 and casket bearers were Tim Ellison, Mike Ostrus, Jason Holz, Tyler Holtz, Jeremy Holtz and Eric Holtz. Military graveside rites were performed by the Fred Funston Post No. 227 with burial in the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.