

Ronald Edward Nielsen, Jr., 45

April 1, 1951 - Feb. 9, 1997

HARLAN - Ronald Edward Nielsen, Jr. was born in Co. Bluffs, April 1, 1951, son of Ronald and Elaine Krohn Nielsen, Sr., and was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Avoca, and graduated from AvoHa High School in 1969. He attended Dana College in Blair. He was in law enforcement for 15 years and worked both at Carter Lake and Harlan. He has operated an exterminator business in the area for a number of years and the past two years he has worked for the Insul-8 Corporation in Harlan as a shipping agent.

He married Jolene Herbst Feb. 14, 1978. He participated in the annual Ragbrai across Iowa for the past four years. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca. He died suddenly at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Feb. 9, 1997, at age 45 years, 10 months and eight days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Nielsen, Sr., and is survived by his daughter, Tara Nielsen of Harlan; two stepchildren, Michelle (Mark) Sullivan of Roland and Jamie Goetz (Leslie) of Portsmouth; two step grandchildren; his mother, Elaine Nielsen of Avoca; two sisters, Connie (Bob) Jorgensen, Jr. of Avoca and Sheri Nielsen of Omaha; a brother, John Nielsen (Nancy) of Dow City; a special friend, Rhonda Rouhoff of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 1997 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Dave Wyckoff, Allen Cox, Fritz Krohn, Dale Lippold, LeRoy Remmick and Max Krohn. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.