

## **Donald Douglas Ridgeway, 49**

**June 18, 1943 — March 22, 1993**

**AUDUBON** — Donald Douglas Ridgeway, son of Donald W. and Helen F. Kile Ridgeway, was born June 18, 1943 in Carroll, and died March 22, 1993 at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital in Audubon, at age 49 years, 9 months, and 4 days. He was baptized at the Christian Church in Coon Rapids, and became a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon, Jan. 1, 1993. He attended Coon Rapids Community Schools, graduating in 1961. He then was employed at the Keister Lumber Yard in Coon Rapids. In 1969, he moved to Audubon where he managed the Audubon Lumber Center for several years. He then was a truck driver for Walt Williams for a short time, then worked as a finishing carpenter for Steve May Construction.

Aug. 15, 1981 he married Rosalie Weis Stroehler in Audubon. Five children were brought together by this union, DeEtte and Derek Ridgeway, Kurtis, Kevin, and Bradley Stroehler. He operated his own construction company for a short time. He then was the operation manager for Agriland Farm Service. Since 1991 he has been the plant manager for Great Dane Fertilizer in Audubon. He had been a member of the Audubon Fire Department since 1972 and had served as Captain.

Proceeding him in death was his father-in-law, S.H. "Bud" Weis and his uncle, Russell Kibby. Survivors include his wife, Rose Ridgeway of Audubon; his children: DeEtte (Troy) Grabill of Audubon; Derek Ridgeway of Ames; and his friend, Darcie Paulsen; Kurt (Laurie) Stroehler of LaVista, Ne.; Kevin Stroehler of Omaha, NE. and his friend, Julie Schmidt; Brad Stroehler of Audubon; 5 grandchildren; his parents, Donald and Helen Ridgeway of Coon Rapids; his sister and her husband, Suzanne (Lanny) Dvorak of Carroll; his mother-in-law, Mary Ann Weis of Woodbine; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Robert (Mary) Weis of Woodbine; Ron Weis of Co. Bluffs; Rodney (Jane) Weis of Paris, KY.; Roland (Patty) Weis of Dunlap; Roger (Chris) Weis of Chadron, OK.; Ronda (Gene) Probasco of Woodbine; Roxanne (Mike) Cumings of Ankeny; Rory (Penny) Weis of Woodbine; his uncle and aunts, Dale and Marjorie Ridgeway of Coon Rapids; and Wilma Kibby of Lohrville; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Michael Berner, March 24, 1993 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. Burial was in St. Patrick's Catholic cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casketbearers were Jeff Dvorak, Randy Dvorak, Tim Dvorak, Jason Probasco, David Weis, and Rick Weis. Casketbearers were Darrell England, Emmert Kallesen, Jr., David Lansman, Roy Mortensen, Arnold Nelsen, and Robert Rattenborg. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.