

## **Loren Renz, 49**

*Dec. 24, 1951 – April 6, 2001*

**HARLAN** – Loren Dean Renz was born Dec. 24, 1951, to parents, Earnest P. and Ruth E. (McDole) Renz, in Carroll. He attended Springcreek Country School and then Woodbine Public Schools graduating in 1971. He farmed with his dad and brother, Myron, for many years. He also drove a truck, mainly local trucking but some over the road as well.

Sept. 22, 1984, he married Cathy Thompson in Davenport, NE. To this union three children were born, Nathan, Kyle and Melissa. In 1990, Loren went to work for Hedstrom Concrete in Woodbine, until September of 1999, at which time he went to work for Barry Farms at Woodbine. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Harlan, and served as deacon there. He died suddenly April 6, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 49 years, three months and 13 days.

Loren was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth, Nov. 2, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Cathy of Harlan; three children, Nathan, Kyle and Melissa, all at home; his father, Earnest Renz of Woodbine; brother, Myron Renz (Kathleen) of Dunlap; two sisters, Karen Renz of Woodbine and Sharon (Tom) Patterson of Osceola; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 9, 2001, at the Church of Christ, Harlan, with Roy North officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dunlap. Honorary casket bearers were Tom Gaer, Lynn McCord, Gary Jorgensen and Gene Rasmussen. Casket bearers were Lynn Barry, Greg Gaer, Russ Hinds, Randy Barry, Larry Heller and Tom Patterson. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.