

Jerald Swensen, 42

DES MOINES - Jerry, son of Norman (Rocky) and Leota (Rold) Swensen was born Aug. 6, 1947, in Co. Bluffs. He was baptized and became a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Walnut at age eight, and attended country schools in the Cuppy's Grove area. He graduated with the Harlan High School class of 1965, then attended Omaha Baptist Bible College.

Nov. 25, 1967, he married Penny Sue Skelton in Silvis, IL. He then interrupted his college education to spend four years in the Navy. He resumed his college education at Faith Baptist Bible College in Des Moines, and after graduating, began a teaching career at Calurnet Baptist School in Griffith, IN. After teaching there for three years, he took a two year recess, then resumed his teaching career at Bible Baptist Christian Academy in Romeoville, IL. After four years there, he accepted a teaching position at Grandview Park Baptist School, where he was in his fifth year of teaching. He was also a wrestling and softball coach, and a deacon on the board of Grandview Park Baptist Church. He was a member of the National Guard Band in which he played a tuba.

He is survived by his wife, Penny; a son, Brent of Cedarville, OH.; a daughter, Jilynn of Clarks Summit, PA.; two brothers, Jim and Jeff of Harlan; two sisters, Jo Morris of Co. Bluffs, and Jean Carl



of Hays, KS.; nieces, nephews and his parents, Rocky Swensens of Harlan.

He was accidentally killed while hunting with a young friend near Des Moines, Dec. 30, 1989. Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 1990 at Grandview Park Baptist Church and burial was in the Cuppy's Grove cemetery on Jan. 4, 1990 near the homes where he was raised. Casketbearers were Floyd Fisher, Ben Pegrain, Timothy Wilhite, James Goodwin, Calvin Voelker, LaVerne Witt, with Dwayne Currie as alternate, all of the Des Moines area. Graveside casketbearers were Curtis Carl, brother-in-law of Hays, KS.; Richard Denhardt of Orion, IL.; brother-in-law, Ronald Rold, cousin of Columbia, MO.; Jim and Jeff Swensen, his brothers and his son, Brent.