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Tracy Schwarte, 28

Jan. 9, 1975 - Jan. 1, 2004

EARLING – Tracy Jo Schwarte was born Jan. 9, 1975, in Harlan. He was raised in Earling, and attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Earling and Harlan High School, graduating in 1993. From 1992-93, Tracy served in the National Guard, where he received training as a helicopter tech. He also worked at Fareway in Harlan. Tracy had been an automotive mechanic for a number of area auto dealers, most recently working for the Andersen Automotive Group in Missouri Valley.

Oct. 19, 2002, Tracy married Angela Mae Evans in Council Bluffs. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He worked in the pit crew of a top-ten National Hot Rod Association top fuel drag racing team. He had toured the Midwest and West Coast with this group. He died Jan. 1, 2004, at his home in Earling, at age 28 years, 11 months and 23 days.

Tracy is survived by his wife, Angie Schwarte of Earling; one daughter, Febee Schwarte of Earling; his father Gail Schwarte (Anita Buckley) of Earling; one brother, Kelly (Tina) Schwarte of Earling; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 6, 2004, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling, with Father Michael Berner celebrant and Father Chuck Kottas homilist. Honorary casket bearers were Ken Schaffer, Garry Gaul, Larry Gundy and Ed Michaels. Casket bearers were Jason Gross, Jason Finken, Jim Gaul, Corey Freund, Scott Petersen and Ed Rueschenberg. Military rites were performed by the Earling American Legion Post #615. Burial was in the St. Joseph's Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

