

Royce Weirich, 60

April 7, 1948 - Aug. 26, 2008

HANCOCK — Royce Lee Weirich, the son of Gerald and Wilma Berry Weirich, was born on April 7, 1948 near Creston, IA, and grew up on a farm outside of Lewis, IA. He attended grade school in Lewis and graduated from Griswold High School in 1966.



Royce was united in marriage to Colleen Hobson on December 14, 1974. They were the parents of five children: Stacey, Kelly, Dave, Jill and Shona. Royce worked at the Oakland packing house and lugged beef, worked construction for Larry Buboltz in Avoca and then as a superintendent for various construction companies building concrete grain elevators in Nebraska. He also had his own construction business with his father. In 1988, Royce went to work for the Hancock Elevator and was the grounds superintendent until his injury in 2001. Royce loved doing wood working in his "shop". He enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. One of his favorite summer activities was the annual fishing trip to South Dakota with family and/or friends. He liked to watch sports on TV, especially the Cubs, the Iowa Hawkeye football team and NASCAR. Royce also enjoyed barbecuing for family and friends, large or small functions...was well known and loved for his BBQ pork sandwiches. He also enjoyed keeping track of his grandchildren, teaching them whatever he could and most importantly he loved to tease and poke fun with them all. Royce died on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, NE having attained the age of sixty years, four months and nineteen days.

Royce is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife Colleen of Hancock, his children: Stacey Weirich, Kelly Weirich and his wife Cindy and Dave Weirich and his wife Patti, all of Avoca, IA; Jill and her husband Jamie Kadel of Oakland, IA; Shona Weirich of Hancock, IA; his mother, Wilma Weirich of Oakland, IA; three sisters: Carol Klaus of St. Ann, MO; Barb Weirich of Oakland, IA and Leah and her husband Scott Muxfeldt of Logan, IA; five grandchildren: Morgan Weirich of Oakland, IA; Cray Weirich of Avoca, IA; Taylor Weirich of Oakland, IA; Jake Weirich of Boulder City, NV and Parker Weirich of Hancock, IA; besides nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, IA with Pastor Melissa

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Drake as the clergy. Serving as honorary bearers were Harold Hoffman, Ron Beedle, Dave Robinson and Jim Best. Casket bearers were Dale Weirich, Doug Travis, Darren Jacobsen, Duane Weirich, Jim Berry, Gary Beedle, Paul Travis, Evan Jones and Gary Beedle. Interment was held in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock, IA.

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