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Rick Schaben, 27

Richard Gerald Schaben, the son of Raymond and Frances Haran Schaben, was born Oct. 1, 1956, in Harlan. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia, he attended the Defiance and Westphalia grade school and later graduated from Harlan Community high school in the class of 1975.

As a senior in high school he started working for Wigness Implement, in Harlan and continued working after graduation. In 1978 he moved to a farm north of Defiance, which he has farmed since that time. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia. He died in Denison as the result of an accident on Friday, Dec. 23, 1983 at the age of 27 years, 2 months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents Ray and Frances Schaben of Westphalia; he is survived by six brothers Randy of Portsmouth, Jerry, Larry, Sam and Jon, all at home and Jeff of Westphalia; four sisters, Kathy Schaben of Moscow, Idaho, Sue, Jeanie and Shirley all at home; his paternal grandmother, Josephine Schaben of Defiance; aunts, uncles and other relatives.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1983 with Rev. John Lorenz as celebrant and Rev. Ken Gross and Rev. Lawrence Beeson as concelebrants.

Burial was held at the St. Boniface cemetery with Randy Schaben, Jerry Schaben, Larry Schaben, Jeff Schaben, Gary Schaben and Dale Klein all serving as casketbearers.