

Darin Ahlers, 32

April 30, 1973 - Feb. 9, 2006

WISNER, NE — Darin Ray Ahlers was born April 30, 1973, at West Point, NE, to Robert Otto, Sr. and Geraldine (Thompson) Ahlers. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wisner, NE. He attended Cuming Co. Rural School District #17 through the sixth grade and attended Wisner-Pilger High School.

Jan. 7, 1994, he married Tonya Scarlett and they had a son, Patrick.

He married Becky Hanak May 29, 1999, and they had four children, Theresa, Damian, Dustin and Deon. Darin had worked for various hog farms and later had worked at Walmart in Columbus, NE before transferring to the Walmart Store in Norfolk, NE. Recently he was devoting his time to taking care of his boys. He died Feb. 9, 2006, at age 32 in a house fire.

Darin was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl R. and Elsa (Loseke) Ahlers and Homer and Elizabeth (Prawitz) Thompson; father, Robert Ahlers, Sr.; sister, Cindy Sue Ahlers; and niece, Lacy Ahlers. Survivors include his son, Patrick; daughter, Theresa; mother, Geraldine Ahlers of Wisner, NE; brothers and sisters, Becky (Glen) Kleffman of Portsmouth; Bob Ahlers, Jr. of Pilger, NE; Audrey (Dean) Partridge of St. Joseph, MO; Dan Ahlers of Mt. Carmel, PA; Vicki (Tim) Finkral of Meadow Grove, NE; Brenda (Todd) Summers of Norfolk, NE; Bonita Ahlers of Norfolk, NE; Sally (Kevin) Baldrige of York, NE; Randy Ahlers of Norfolk, NE; Janet Ahlers of Norfolk, NE; Glen Ahlers of Norfolk, NE; Denise (Billy) Czaplak of Duncan, NE; and Kristi Ahlers of Norfolk, NE; and other relatives.

Damian Ahlers, 5

Feb. 18, 2000 - Feb. 9, 2006

WISNER, NE — Damian Lee Ahlers was born Feb. 18, 2000, at West Point, NE, to Darin and Becky (Hanak) Ahlers. He was a kindergartner at Wisner-Pilger Elementary School. Damian loved Spiderman, Scooby-Doo, playing in the snow and Woody from Toy Story and spending time with his father. He died Feb. 9, 2006, at age 5 in a house fire.

Dustin Ahlers, 4

Aug. 16, 2001 - Feb. 9, 2006

WISNER, NE — Dustin Michael Ahlers was born Aug. 16, 2001, at West Point, NE, to Darin and Becky (Hanak) Ahlers. Dustin was a very sensitive, loving and caring little boy. He was considered the "ham" of the three, he had a way of brightening a room after he entered it. He loved to play with his tractors, Tonka trucks, riding his tricycle and watching Pippy Longstocking. He died Feb. 9, 2006, at age 4 in a house fire.

Deon Ahlers, 3

Nov. 30, 2002 - Feb. 9, 2006

WISNER, NE — Deon Alexander Ahlers was born Nov. 30, 2002, at West Point, NE, to Darin and Becky (Hanak) Ahlers. Deon was the tough one and was never far behind his older brothers. He enjoyed playing with Legos, reading books, puppies and Shrek the movie. He died Feb. 9, 2006, at age 3 in a house fire.

Damian, Dustin and Deon were preceded in death by maternal grandmother, Debbie Hanak; paternal grandfather, Robert Ahlers, Sr.; aunt, Cindy Ahlers; and cousin, Lacy Ahlers. Damian, Dustin and Deon are survived by their mother, Becky Ahlers of Columbus, NE; brother, Patrick; sister, Theresa; paternal grandmother, Geraldine Ahlers of Wisner, NE; maternal grandfather, Rodger Hanak of Columbus, NE; maternal great-grandparents, Adolph and Marietta Hanak of Richland, NE; maternal aunts, Kristy (Brent) Oetken of Wakefield, NE and Linda Hanak of Columbus, NE; paternal aunts and uncles of the Ahlers family; and other relatives.

Funeral services for Darin, Damian, Dustin and Deon were held Feb. 14, 2006, at the Wisner City Auditorium with Rev. Steven Peeler and Dale Topp, P.M.A. officiating. Burial was in the Wisner Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Doug Partridge, Shawn Houska, Marty Weber, Shawn Llewellyn, Larry Schaff, Janae McMahon, John Meyer, David Field and Pat and Angel Henderson. Casket bearers were the Wisner Fire and Rescue and Beemer Volunteer Fire Departments. Kuzelka-Minnick Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.