

Terrance Blum, 59

April 20, 1943 - Nov. 2, 2002

HARLAN – Terrance "Terry" Lee Blum was born to Anna Mary (Muell) and Cecil Joseph Blum, Sr. April 20, 1943, in Panama. He was baptized at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Panama, and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He attended elementary school in Kirkman, and was a member of the Irwin-Kirkman High School graduating class of 1960. Following graduation, Terry enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard and served his country for 21 years retiring in 1991, having achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Jan. 29, 1966, he married Barbara Jans at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. To this union three children were born. The couple made their home near Kirkman, where he was a self-employed dairy farmer. In 1967, he became an employee of Western Iowa Pork in Harlan, where he remained until 1975 when he went to work for Dubuque Packing in Denison.

Terry married Karen Nielsen Jan. 20, 1984, in the Little Brown Church in the Vale at Nashua. From 1989 to 1993, he was employed as a salesman at Christiansen Motors in Audubon, until becoming the owner of Blum's Motor World located in Harlan in 1993. He continued to operate the business until returning to Christiansen Motors in 1998, where he remained until his death. He died at his home in Harlan, Nov. 2, 2002, at age 59 years, six months and 12 days.

In addition to his father, Cecil J. Blum, Sr., he was preceded in death by his sister, Rosalie Blum. He is survived by his wife, Karen Blum of Harlan; children, Teresa Jans of St. Joseph, MO; Michael Blum (Carolynn) of Leesville, LA and Bruce Blum (Carolyn) of Harlan; stepchildren, Scott Petersen of Harlan and Nicki (Jeff) Ranney of Harlan; grandchildren, Mikayla and Alex Blum; Zachary and Zain Harris and Ashton "A.J." Blum; his mother, Anna Blum of Harlan; brothers and sisters, Garry Blum (Michelle) of Harlan; Cecil Blum, Jr. (Shawn) of Denison; Cheryl (Richard) Bockelmann of Denison; Anna (Harris) Miller of Denison; Candia (Richard) DeCarlo of Harlan; Colleen (Kevin) Kenkel of Earling; Michelle (Joe) Cowan of Council Bluffs; Rhonda (Rick) Ketelsen of Denison and Bryan Blum (Brenda) of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other family members.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 6, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, with the Rev. Jack McClure, C.P.P.S. celebrating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Iowa National Guard with Randy Ouren, Brandon Bockelmann, Arlyn Oman, Roger Christensen, Ron Christiansen and Willie Mumm honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Nicki Ranney, Scott Petersen, Bryan Blum, Jr., Michael Blum, Garry Blum, Cecil Blum, Jr., Teresa Jans and Bruce Blum. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.