

Richard Case, 52

Jan. 9, 1958 - Oct. 13, 2010

HARLAN — Richard Allen Case was born on January 9, 1958, in Los Angeles, CA. Shortly after birth he was adopted by Irene and Dudley Case and came to live in Costa Mesa, CA where he was baptized in the Catholic Church and graduated from Catholic High School. After his graduation, Rick worked for his uncle in a Bavarian Restaurant in Tacoma, WA for two years then became a machinist for Boeing Aircraft. During his over 20 years with Boeing, Rick worked on several different aircrafts, including the 747 used as Air Force One. His work centered around building over head compartments and custom areas. He took great pride in being an American and a member for over 20 years of his machinist



union. Because of his illness, Rick was forced to retire from Boeing and began a search for his birthday mother. He was successful in his search and found his birth mother, Betty Michaelson, living in Council Bluffs. For a short time, he made his home near his mother before purchasing his own home in Corley, located south of Harlan. His illness allowed him to live in his own home where he did some antiques, gardening and caring for his many feline friends. Richard died while in the care of Community Health and Myrtle Hospice at the Myrtle Medical Center in Harlan on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, having attained the age of 52 years, nine months and four days.

Richard is survived by his adoptive mother, Irene Bailey of Tacoma, WA; his adoptive father, Dudley Case of Costa Mesa, CA; his birth mother, Betty Michaelson of Council Bluffs; his son, Sgt. Jeremy Case of Melelani, HI; his brother, Steven Michaelson of Council Bluffs; his sister, Susan Tackett of Del Rio, TX; sister, Deborah Beck of Tacoma, WA; a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins in Tacoma, WA; and many friends in Tacoma and Iowa.

Graveside services were conducted on the family lot at the Grange Cemetery in Honey Creek Friday, October 15, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Rev. John Frost of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan officiated the graveside service.