

Michael W. Gross, 49

June 3, 1946 - Aug. 26, 1995

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Harlan - Michael Werner Gross, son of Michael J. and Cecelia Marie (Klein) Gross was born June 3, 1946 at Harlan. He was baptized and received his First Communion at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and was confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He lived with the Gross family southeast of Defiance and attended grade school at St. Peter's Catholic School in Defiance. He attended Creighton Prep High School for his freshman year and later Harlan High School where he graduated in 1964. After high school he farmed with his dad and in 1965 he enlisted and served in the Iowa Army National Guard until Sept. 1971 at Atlantic.

Sept. 4, 1971 he married Karen Gubbels at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. To this union two children were born, Brian and Jill. They then farmed north of Harlan, and it was there that he died Aug. 26, 1995 at age forty-nine years, two months and twenty-three days. He was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan and the Knights of Columbus Harlan Council No. 3900.

In addition to his father he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Larry. Surviving are his wife, Karen of Harlan; his son, Brian of Omaha; and his daughter, Jill of Harlan; his mother, Cecelia Gross; his sister, Janice (Owen) Langenfeld all of Harlan; his brothers, Gerald (Martha) Gross of Irwin and Ronald (Rita) Gross of Defiance; his sister-in-law, Linda Gross of Harlan; his mother and father-in-law, Peter and Catherine Gubbels; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Aug. 29, 1995 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan with Rev. Richard Gubbels, celebrant and Msgr. Edward Kelly as the homilist. Concelebrating was Rev. Ken Gross, Rev. Tom Crowley, Msgr. Gerald Stessman, Rev. Vince Ohlinger, Rev. Leonard Kenkel and Rev. Daniel Petsche, assisted by Deacon Marvin Klein and Rev. Mr. Pat Davitt. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Gary Coenen, Barry Deuel, Dave Stracke and Dewayne Stolz, honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Chad Klein, Eugene L. Langenfeld, Kyle Klein, Larry D. Gross, Francis Gross and Leonard Gross. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.