

Robert Gaeta, 59

July 14, 1944 - July 12, 2004

BEAVER LAKE, NE – Robert Joseph "Bob" Gaeta was born July 14, 1944, to Alfred and Josephine Gaeta. He was raised in Omaha and graduated from Creighton Prep High School in 1962. He attended Wayne State College where he received his Bachelors in education. He then attended University of South Dakota receiving his Masters in administration.

Bob married Dolores Reinig Jan. 7, 1967, in Portsmouth. He taught high school and worked as an assistant coach at the University of South Dakota. Bob played baseball for Wayne State College and received NAIA All-American honors in 1964.

He was inducted into the Wayne State Hall of Fame in 1980. He received the Wayne State Alumni Service Award in 2000. He played for numerous town team baseball leagues including the Harlan team. He sponsored and played on an adult softball team for many years in Omaha. He played racquetball and won many championships including second place in the National Racquetball Championships. Bob was an Independent Insurance Agent in Omaha until retiring in 1999. They moved to Beaver Lake in 1996. He was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit and Fraternal Order of Eagles Post 385, both in Plattsmouth. He died July 12, 2004, at Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, at age 59 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Alfred. He is survived by his wife, Dolores of Beaver Lake, NE; two sons, Al of Appleton, WI and Dan of Omaha, NE; his mother, Josephine of Omaha; two sisters, Mary Helen Gaeta and Kathi (Stuart) Benson, all of Omaha; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tony and Mildred Reinig; sisters-in-law, Mary (Doug) Baker; Joan (Tom) Ouren, all of Harlan; Susan (Chuck) Field, Santee, SC; Judy (Leo) Hensley, Winterset; Rose Ann (John) Cannella, Grand Island, NE; and brother-in-law, Allan Reinig, Portsmouth; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 16, 2004, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth, NE, with Father Paul Frank and Father Bernie Bisbee concelebrating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Omaha, NE. Casket bearers were Doug Baker, Chuck Field, Allan Reinig, Stuart Benson, Leo Hensley, John Cannella and Tom Ouren. Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth, NE, in charge of arrangements.

