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Dean Warren Jacobsen, 51

Nov. 3, 1949 – Aug. 5, 2001

ELK HORN – Dean Warren, son of Warren and Gudrun Pedersen Jacobsen, was born Nov. 3, 1949, in Audubon. He grew up on the family farm south of Elk Horn and was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Following graduation from Elk Horn-Kimballton High School in 1968, he attended Simpson College in Indianola where he played basketball and graduated in 1972.

June 20, 1970, he married Debra Kaye Hansen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. Five children, Chad, Ryan, Heather, Heidi and Dena, were born to this union. In 1974, Dean's grandparents moved into Elk Horn and Dean and Deb made their home on that place. Dean and his father farmed and raised hogs and cattle together until his parents retired and moved into Elk Horn in 1993. Dean continued farming. He was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church, a member of the Optimist Club and was on the board of directors of the Nishnabotna Rural Electric Cooperative. He was a cyclist, the captain of Team V.I.P. and participated in RAGBRAI with family and friends since 1992. Aug. 5, 2001, he died suddenly and unexpectedly at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL, at age 51 years, nine months and two days of a heart ailment.

He is survived by his wife, Deb Jacobsen of Elk Horn; his parents, Warren and Gudrun Jacobsen of Elk Horn; children, Chad Jacobsen of Wheaton, IL; Ryan Jacobsen (Melissa) of Omaha, NE; Heather and her fiancé, Ben Yost of St. Louis, MO; Heidi Jacobsen and daughter, Julia, of Omaha, NE; Dena Jacobsen and daughter, Maliya, and Elk Horn; two sisters, Gwen Rosheim (Scott) of Ames and Paulette Myers (Chris) of Boone; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 9, 2001, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Pastor Erik Spake officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Team V.I.P. (Vermont Iowa Pedalists), Tom Potts, Mark Wanninger, Larry Fajen, James Nielsen, Jerry Gazaway and Mark Ambrose. Casket bearers were Tom Pierce, Doug Smith, Dave Best, Bruce Wheatley, Johnny Jacobsen, Mert Kastens, Wayne Hansen, Monte Hoegh, Warren Watson, Richard Hansen and Mac Keyser. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.