

LeRoy L. Kadel, 53

Dec. 14, 1943 - April 10, 1997

MINDEN - LeRoy Lloyd Kadel was born in Co. Bluffs, on Dec. 14, 1943. He was the only child of Ronald and Beulah Pedersen Kadel. He was raised on the Kadel family farm south of Minden. He attended the Minden Public School and graduated with the Class of 1961. He attended a trade school in Minneapolis, MN, and then worked for a number of years as transportation clerk for railways based in Omaha.

He married Lynn Wedel May 4, 1963, in Minden. They were the parents of two daughters, Kathy and Suzanne. They lived in Minden until 1970, when they moved out to the family farm. He farmed with his father and was also a builder/dealer for Wick Building Systems for 22 years. In 1993, he became Director of the Pottawattamie County Conservation Board and was currently serving in that position. He was also a member of the following committees: The Missouri River Preservation Authority, Back To The River Steering, County Conservation Director's Associations, Representative to the Iowa Association of County Conservation Board of Directors, Pottawattamie Safety Committee, Pottawattamie County Emergency Management Task Force, Past President of the Iowa County Conservation Board, District IV, Past Pottawattamie County Conservation Board Member. He was also a member of the Minden United Church of Christ and was a faithful and dedicated lay leader in the church, locally and at the state level. He was an avid fisherman and participated in numerous bass tournaments. He also enjoyed working with children and adored his granddaughter, Emily. He died at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, April 10, 1997, at age 53 years, three months and 26 days.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn; their daughters, Kathy (Brian) Fox and their daughter, Emily of Colorado Springs, CO, and Suzanne Kadel of Co. Bluffs; his parents, Ronald and Beulah Kadel of Minden; aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 12, 1997, at the United Church of Christ, Minden, with Pastor Richard Hempenius officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery.

Honorary casket bearers were Mark Schumacher, Galen Barrett, Clifford Fischer, Chris Williams, Dave Fischer, Kurt Peterson, Cynthia Thompson and Chad Graeve. Casket bearers were John Kennedy, Richard Dau, Richard Jensen, Mark Wilds, Roger Kay, Dennis Kahler and Gary Wedel. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.