

Roy Linton II, 54

Dec. 24, 1952 - July 28, 2007

HARLAN - Roy Victor Linton II, son of Roy and Ruth (Blakely) Linton, was born Dec. 24, 1952, in Managua, Nicaragua. He was baptized at First Methodist Church in Harlan, and graduated from Harlan Community High School with the class of 1971. After high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps and attended boot camp in San Diego, CA. Following boot camp, he was trained as a field radio operator and deployed with an artillery battery to Okinawa and Vietnam. Later in life Roy was a dedicated advocate for Veteran's Rights and assisted many vets in obtaining the full benefits they deserved. Following his honorable discharge, Roy lived in many areas of the country. After attending the University of Iowa, he moved to Los Angeles, CA. He loved the time he spent in California where he wrote lyrics and recorded, composed and performed many of his published songs. After Los Angeles, Roy lived in Omaha, then Carroll and Fort Dodge, where he graduated from college and worked for local newspapers as a reporter and editor. He then moved to Tennessee and worked at the Gibson Guitar Factory. He also lived in Las Vegas, NV where he was employed as a bounty hunter. In 1997, Roy returned to Iowa and settled in Harlan to be closer to family. He also spent his time videotaping Cyclone football for Harlan Cable and continued to perform music while sharing his love of music by giving guitar lessons. Roy also volunteered his time to animal rescue and served Christmas meals to the homeless. He was a gifted musician. He died July 28, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center at age 54 years, seven months, and four days.

Roy is preceded in death by his father, Roy. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Linton of Harlan; his two brothers, Mike Linton (Marcia) of Plymouth, MN, and John Linton (Peg) of Fort Calhoun, NE; his two sisters, Ruthie (Bobby) Schaben of Defiance, and Lola Linton of Harlan; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with burial at the Harlan Cemetery with Pastor Dave Swinton officiating. Honorary casket bearer was Steve Quist. Casket bearers were Adam Quist, Michael Behrendt, Nick Schuler, Mike Linton, Chuck Behrendt, Jarred Behrendt, John Linton, Carol Miles-Rishling, and Randy Musich.

