

## Merrill Martin, 56

*Jan. 31, 1948 - July 8, 2004*

**SEBASTIAN, FL** – Merrill Dean Martin, son of Francis and Mary Davis Martin, was born Jan. 31, 1948, in Persia. He attended country school near Logan, and then Harlan Community School. During high school, he worked at the Chicken Hut restaurant where he bused tables and learned to cook.

May 6, 1978, Merrill married Debra Rademacker at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. They were the parents of one daughter, Teresa. He entered the Iowa Police Academy and then went to work for the Harlan Police Department for 18 years. He also worked as a carpet layer with Neil Mahlberg. In 1994, the moved to Lake Wales, FL, and managed a hotel. They then managed a motel in Vero Beach, FL and later became co-managers of Beach Cove Properties in Sebastian, FL for the past four years. He died July 8, 2004, in Sebastian, FL, at age 56 years, five months and eight days.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Minnie Marco. He is survived by his wife, Debra, of Sebastian, FL; his daughter, Teresa (David) Andersen of Harlan; brothers, Marion Martin (Lotus); Marvin Martin (Ruby); Merlyn Martin (Ruby); twin brother, Melvin Martin (Katherine); and his sister, Mary (Donald) Andersen, all of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 15, 2004, at the Congregational United Church of Christ with Rev. Donna Ewert officiating. Casket bearers were Dan Martin, Justin Andersen, David Martin, Justin Heidenreich, Brad McQueen, Jamie Lasher, Mark Martin and Scott Andersen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

