

## **Ryan Meinke, 22 ✓**

**Oct. 11, 1975 - Feb. 14, 1998**

**SHELBY** - Ryan Dennis Meinke was born Oct. 11, 1975, in Co. Bluffs, to Reinhold (Mike) and Diana Pitken Meinke. He died Feb. 14, 1998, at his home in Shelby, at age 22 years, four months and three days. He graduated from Tri-Center Schools in 1994.

He married Adria Robertson March 30, 1996. They were blessed with a daughter, Alisha Marie, Dec. 3, 1993. As a boy, he was active in the Boy Scouts and active in FFA in high school. Ryan was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Neola.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Dennis Pitkin in 1975, and his grandfathers, Wayne Pitkin in 1995 and Ervin Meinke in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Adria, and his daughter, Alisha; his parents, Reinhold Meinke of Northglenn, CO and Diane Meinke and David Gittins of Minden; brothers and sisters, Rodney Meinke of Omaha; Rusty Meinke serving in the Army in Korea; David Gittins Jr. of Neola; Joe Gittins of Omaha and Julie Gittins of Neola; grandparents, Klara Meinke of Mitchell, SD; Marie Pitkin of Shannon City and Iva Gittins of Co. Bluffs; great grandparents, Beradine Pitkin of Shannon City and Mary Hanon of Creston; in-laws, Dale and Barb and Eric Robertson of Underwood, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 1998, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Paul Schult officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Mitch Herrington, Scott Gollhofer, Wayne Lawton, Dave Pickinpaugh, Jose Pruitt, Cory Arbaugh and Brad Driver. Casket bearers were Kelly Nelson, Rod Taylor, Mike Schneckloth, Troy Petersen, Brian Christensen and Craig Ring.