

Gary McClure, 55

Aug. 31, 1948 - Oct. 26, 2003

WEST DES MOINES – Gary Lynn McClure was born Aug. 31, 1948, in Council Bluffs to (Dale) Keith and Eleanor (Jones) McClure. He grew up in Council Bluffs and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1966, and went to watchmaker's school in Quincy, IL. In 1968, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and upon completion of basic training, was attached to 1/1 for a tour of duty in Vietnam and was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

Gary met Pat (Glosser) in 1971 and they were married at the courthouse in Beaufort, SC that same year. Following his discharge from the service, the couple returned to Iowa, living for the next 30-plus years, mostly in Harlan. Two children were born to this union. He spent most of his life working in the mining business. He died Oct. 26, 2003, in West Des Moines at age 55 years, one month and 26 days.

Gary was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his daughter, Heather (Brett) Tamminga, and his son, Sean McClure; his grandson, Chance Tamminga; his mother, Eleanor; and other relatives.

A Celebration of Life was held Oct. 29, 2003, at Christ's Church in Harlan, with Pastor Ted Sieck officiating.

Burial was in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver City with full military rites. Honorary casket bearers were Tom Albertson, Mike Andersen, Mike Brown, Greg Carlisle, John Gutch, Dan McClure, Seb McClure, Steve Mescher and Dale Thompson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

