

Robert Pohlman, 51

Sept. 12, 1946 - Jan. 18, 1998

MINDEN - Robert Vernon Pohlman was born Sept. 12, 1946, in Waterloo. He was the son of Vernon and Ferne Klink Pohlman and was one of four children in the Pohlman family. He went to school at the North Tama High School in Traer, graduating in 1965. He attended the Humboldt Airline Institute in Minneapolis, MN for one year. In 1966, he entered the United States Air Force and served during the Vietnam War for four years.

He married Diane Popelka in Clutier June 24, 1967. They were the parents of four children, Jamie, Jodie, Jason and Jill. He worked for Northwest Airlines for over 31 years. He belonged to the Minden Fire Department for 20 years, serving as fire chief and as an EMT. He was a member of the Minden American Legion Post #437, having served as Commander and currently serving as Adjutant. He organized the golf tournaments for the Minden Legion. He also farmed with his dad and brother. He collected trains and had numerous pieces in his collection. He died Jan. 18, 1998, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, at age 51 years, four months and six days.

He is survived by his wife, Diane of Minden; his children, Jamie (Jerry) Calhoon of Minden; Jodie (Craig) Larsen of Minden; Jason Pohlman (Jessica) of Avoca and Jill (Ryan) Schroder of Beebeetown; six grandchildren, Joshua and Jordyn Calhoon, Zachary and Paige Pohlman and Haley and Hannah Larsen; his parents, Vernon and Ferne Pohlman of Clutier; two sisters, Susan (Fred) McCombs of Ottumwa and Sandy (Mark) Dengler of Dysart; a brother, Ron Pohlman of St. Louis, MO; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21, 1998, at the United Church of Christ, Minden, with Rev. Richard Hempenius officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with military graveside services by the Minden American Legion Post #437.

Honorary casket bearers were Ron Coffman, Earl Bintz, Harold Lefebber, Kenny Schwensen, Gus Hartje, Harold Bintz, Richard Siebels and Larry Schuett. Casket bearers were Steve Ploen, Leo Christensen, Bob Cizek, Pat McMahon, Lynn Driver and Bud Bandow. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.