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James Lee Rau, 27

HARLAN — James Lee Rau, son of David and Janice (Coenen) Rau was born in Harlan, on Aug. 6, 1960. He died in Garden City, KS, on Dec. 13, 1987, at age 27 years, four months and seven days. He was baptized, received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1979. On Dec. 13, 1979, he entered the United States Marine Corps. After his honorable discharge on May 17, 1985, he continued to reside in Garden City where he was employed as a carpenter.

He is survived by his parents, David and Janice Rau of Harlan; one brother, Ken Rau of Co. Bluffs; two sisters, Julie (Mrs Doug) Daystrom of Des Moines; and Kaylynn (Mrs Anthony) Coleman of Des Moines; grandparents, Frank and Elizabeth Rau, Westphalia; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated on Dec. 18, 1987 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Westphalia with Rev. Bud Grant as celebrant. Rev. Richard Gubbels and Rev. Ken Gross concelebrated assisted by Deacon Pat Davitt. Military rites were conducted at St. Boniface cemetery by Offutt Air Force Honor Guard, Group A. Casket bearers were Douglas Schmitz, Joe G. Schmitz, Jerry Schomer, Robert Rau, Jeff Rau and Tony Meylor. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.