

Kenneth L. Richards, 58

Sept. 5, 1939 - July 13, 1998 ✓

IRWIN - Kenneth Lyle Richards, son of Harold Emmet and Dorothy Ilene (Carter) Richards, was born Sept. 5, 1939, in Irwin. He attended Irwin schools, graduating with the class of 1958. Kenneth joined the United States Marine Corp July 29, 1958.

He married Zeta Swenson and to this union two children were born, Terry and Tracy. After his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, he was employed by G.A. Finley and then was a self employed truck driver. He died July 13, 1998, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 58 years, ten months and eight days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Tracy Lin. Survivors include his best friend, Jessie Bates of Irwin; his children, Terry Richards and Laurie Chandler of Dow City; Winston Bates and Diana Shearer of West Des Moines; Jose Leal and Suzette Bates of Harlan; Greg Bates of Harlan; five grandchildren; his brothers, Larry Richards (Daria) of Las Vegas; Jack Richards (Marge) of Grinnell, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 18, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman, by the 4th Engineer Maintenance Co. I & I Staff, Marine Corps Reserve of Omaha, NE. Jose Leal, Rick Brensel, Don Armentrout, John VonTersch, Cliff Axland, Donald Jans and Gary McClure were honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Gene Schmidt, LaVerne Hansen, Charley Reynolds, Todd Jacobsen, Bernard Stinn, Jim Jacobsen and Gary Swenson.

