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Garnett Sievertsen, 63 ✓

Jan. 14, 1942 - May 5, 2005

HARLAN — Garnett Roe "Garnie", son of Gilbert and Mamie (Plahn) Sievertsen, was born Jan. 14, 1942, at Carroll. He grew up on a farm near Manilla, attending country school near his home and graduating from Manilla High School in 1960. He then farmed with his father.

May 30, 1961; Garnie married Joleen Rose Ertz at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla. Two children were born to this union, Garnie and Joleen rented farm ground near Manilla until 1965 when they bought their present farm. Throughout the years, Garnie was a member of the Rough Riders Saddle Club, Community Club, Crawford County Zoning Board and served as a 4-H leader when his children were young. Garnie was a tractor pull and race fan, and for a number of years he helped prepare the Denison racetrack for these events. In 2004, Garnie's health began to decline and May 5, 2005, he died at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, at age 63 years, three months and 21 days.

Preceding Garnie in death are his parents. He is survived by his wife, Joleen Sievertsen of Manilla; a son, Jeffrey Sievertsen (Rhonda) of Manilla; a daughter, Lori (Greg) Gaskill of Irwin; four grandchildren, Kayla Gaskill, Lukas Sievertsen, Jarad Gaskill and Lysie Sievertsen; his wife's parents, Leo and Irene Ertz of Manilla; two sisters-in-law, Elaine (Ron) Johnson of Fort Dodge and Sharon (Rich) Mosher of Melrose; three brothers-in-law, Allan Ertz and Carol Haines of Des Moines; Norman Ertz (Renae) of Denison and Brian Ertz (Michele) of Manilla; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 7, 2005, at the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were Kayla Gaskill, Jarad Gaskill, Lukas Sievertsen and Lysie Sievertsen. Casket bearers were Doug Backhaus, Phil Stracke, Byron Bornhoft, Ron Lohrmann, Steve Brus, Jerry Brus, Robert Lohrmann and Gary Hall. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla, in charge of arrangements.

