

## Neil Smith, 51

*Aug. 8, 1951 - Nov. 24, 2002*

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** – Neil Lynn Smith was born to Pauline (Hardy) and Ralph E. Smith Aug. 8, 1951, at Council Bluffs. He attended Pussey Grade School and was a graduate of Abraham-Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. In November of 1970, he entered in the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged April 30, 1971.

He married Sue Armstrong in 1972. To this union one child was born. He was employed at the Purex Soap Factory in Omaha, NE. In 1984, he worked for the Ronco/Linde Construction Company in Omaha. He served the company for 17 years until illness prevented him from working.

June 29, 2002, Neil married Trudy Nelson at his home in Council Bluffs. Following their wedding, the couple resided in their home where they focused their attentions on a room by room remodeling project. Neil died Nov. 24, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 51 years, three months and 16 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Sue; and brothers, Duane, Merle and Lyle Smith. He is survived by his wife, Trudy Smith of Council Bluffs; sons, Nathan Smith of Council Bluffs and Corey Smith of Bellevue, NE; stepchildren, Michael Nelson (Andi) of Omaha, NE; Shanelle (Aaron) Fichter of Tabor and Marissa Hathaway of Hamburg; nine step grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Betty Moore of Vancouver, WA; Christine (Richard) Jones of Harlan; Lester Smith (Shirley) of Loveland; Marlene Little of Persia; Shirley (Otto) Saar of Council Bluffs and Stanley Smith (Linda) of Neola; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 27, 2002, at the Light House Temple in Council Bluffs, with Pastor Larry Belt and Rev. Don Bates officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Council Bluffs, with Bob Cave, Steve Wingert, Jim Gano, Dean Rezak, Steve Johnson, Mike Swarty, Kent Hensley, Jake Wingert, Darrel Darling, Wally Wallman, Greg McNeal, Roger Wissing, Wayne Yardley and Steve Johnson honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Mark Tech, Michael Smith, Todd Little, Tim Harding, Jason Smith and Jack Thomas. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

