

Robert William Titus, Jr., 20

MANILLA – Robert William, son of Robert William, Sr. and Lenore Angeline Merwick Titus, was born Aug. 1, 1970 in Pittsburg, PA. He moved with his family to Manilla in Jan. of 1978. He attended schools in Manilla. He was also a member of the First Responders, the Iowa Road Runners, and the First Presbyterian Church.

He graduated from IKM High School in Jan., 1989. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps at that time and was stationed at a naval air base in Millington, TN., where he was training to be an avionics technician. While in the Marine Corps., he became ill and was granted medical inactive reserve status April 23, 1990. He returned to Manilla to be with his parents and friends. When his health began to fail even more, he entered the Veteran's Administration Medical Facility in Omaha, NE., where he died Nov. 15, 1990, at age 20 years, 3 months, and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Leonard I. Merwick, Roseann Titus, and Edward R. Titus, Sr. He is survived by his parents, Robert and Lenore Titus of Manilla; a sister, Michelle Marie Titus of Manilla; his grandmother, Helen Merwick of Pittsburg, PA., aunts; uncles; cousins, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20, 1990 at First Presbyterian Church in Manilla with Rev. Anita Johnson, officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery in Manilla with casketbearers and Military Honors by the U.S. Marine Corps of Omaha. Honorary casketbearers were Ethan Cowles, Tom Rutherford, Dewey Wiese, Arlo Schoenfeld, Gilbert Schoba, Pat Wastewald, Mike Kloewer, and Troy Kluender. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.