

Leland Tresner, 56

July 17, 1947 - March 7, 2004

BURLINGTON JUNCTION, MO – Leland Earl Tresner, the son of Lee and Lenora Sharp Tresner, was born July 17, 1947, in Parsons, KS. He attended and graduated from Garden City, KS school. He then attended Fort Hayes State College, where he was the National Wrestling Champion in 1969. After attending Fort Hayes, he was employed in sales and continued this until his death.

July 17, 1996, Leland married Rozann Lauritsen in Harlan. Since that time they made their home in Peculiar and Burlington Junction, MO. For three years after their marriage, he and Rozann were foster parents. They had 10 foster children with the last two staying with them 17 months. He died March 7, 2004, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, MO, at age 56 years, seven months and 21 days.

Leland was preceded in death by his father, Lee; a stepson, Danny Warnoch; grandparents and second wife, Glenda Tresner. Survivors include his wife, Rozann of Burlington Junction, MO; his mother, Lenora Tresner of Garden City, KS; children, Renee (Miles) Jacobs of Oologah, OK; Melissa (David) Pike of Claremore, OK; Shane Tresner of Collinsville, OK; his stepchildren, Johnny Warnoch of Belle Plaine, KS; Debra Wicker of Independence, KS; Barbara (Joe) Stallbaumer of Wellington, KS; Andrew Lauritsen of Bedford; Regina (Mike) Giesken of Ravenwood, MO; his three grandchildren; several step grandchildren; several step great-grandchildren; his sisters, Noralee (Phil) Berthoff of Dodge City, KS; Norma Lee (Jim) White of Wichita, KS; Natalie Tresner of Garden City, KS; his brothers, Leon Tresner (Kathy) of Pratt, KS; LeWayne Tresner (Becky) of Pratt, KS; Lee Edward Tresner (Mary) of Nacogdoches, TX; Leslie Tresner of Dodge City, KS; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 12, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Dale Gessert officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Rusty Wirth, Delbert Bruck, Byron Jensen, Dick Olson, Lenny Herbst and Lee Tresner, Jr. honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Leslie Tresner, Leon Tresner, LeWayne Tresner, Kenneth Doyle, Chuck Sharp and Jim Chapman.

