

## Neil "Paws" Wingert, 58

Feb. 19, 1952 - June 22, 2010

**SHELBY** — Neil H. "Paws" Wingert, age 58, of Shelby, passed away June 22, 2010 at Mercy Hospital, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Neil was born February 19, 1952 in Harlan, to Anthony W. and Rosemary L. (Freund) Wingert. He graduated from Harlan Community High School in 1970. Neil worked 20 years at Armstrong Standard Gas Station in Minden and 11 years at Wings America. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, where he sang in the choir and was a volunteer firefighter for the Minden Fire & Rescue from 1988-1998.

Neil was preceded in death by his sister, Christy in 1970. He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Janice (McKee) Wingert of Shelby; parents, Tony and Rosemary Wingert of Avoca; stepchildren, Charles Bird of Hancock, Ron Laackmann of Portsmouth, Gayla Laackmann of Neola, Angie Bird of Avoca; 12 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild; brothers, Larry Wingert of Avoca, John Wingert of Minden; sisters, Sue Ellen Mills of La Junta, CO, Sara Rose (Rich) Schmit of Hooper, NE, Marilyn (Clint) Ford of Brush, CO.

Visitation with the family was held Friday, June 25, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, June 26, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Church with Rev. John Frost, pastor as the celebrant. A lunch followed the funeral Mass. Interment was in the Minden Cemetery, Saturday, June 26, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. The family will direct memorials.



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