

Ricky Cooper, 52

May 30, 1958 - Dec. 21, 2010

JASPER, AR — Ricky Lynn

Cooper was born May 30, 1958 in Harlan, and passed from this life on December 21, 2010 in Jasper, AR. He was the first born son of Phillip E. Cooper, Sr. and Janet M. (Gilliland) Cooper. His early years were spent living with his family in Persia, where he attended Tri-Center Grade School in Persia through the 3rd grade. He was a Cub Scout and went to Sunday School at the Methodist Church. In 1967 the family moved to Harlan, where he continued his schooling at Harlan Community Schools and worked mowing lawns, washing windows, scooping snow and raking leaves. He was an entrepreneur



who was not afraid of work. He was a Boy Scout and attended the Methodist Church. His quick wit and personality were enjoyed by everyone who knew him. Rick never met a stranger. He was a master meat cutter and proud of his profession having worked for many stores including IGA, Super Wal-Mart, HyVee and Harvey Brothers. He had a special relationship with his customers and would go out of his way to please them. In his free time he enjoyed trips with his family, camping, canoeing, hunting, fishing and riding his Harley. One of his favorite things was to grill up a big juicy ribeye.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Bonnie Cooper of Jasper, AR; his children, Heidi Mae Alloway of Omaha, Ryan (Alicia) Cooper of Minden, NE; his mother, Janet Norgaard of Denison; his father, Phillip Cooper, Sr. of Pacific Junction; brothers, Gene Cooper of Kimballton, Mike (Karen) Cooper of Persia; sister, Elizabeth (Victor) Larsen of Harlan; half brother, Jeff (Mary) Cooper of Glenwood; half sister, Jennifer Cooper of Omaha. He is also survived by his three grandchildren of whom he was so proud, Gregory Alloway and Ayrianna and Chase Cooper. Survivors also include aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, the mother of his children, Cindy (Lyman) Cooper, and many, many friends. He will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Herbert and Alice Heyde and Vernard Sr. and Bessie Cooper.

A memorial service will be held in Jasper, AR, January 8, 2011, at the Jasper First Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at Community of Christ Church in Persia January 15, 2011, with visitation 1/2 hour before the 10:30 a.m. service. Burial of cremains will be at Valley View Cemetery west of Persia. A lunch will follow at the Fire Hall in Persia.