

Mark Croghan, 45

Feb. 7, 1958 - Oct. 18, 2003

SIoux CITY – Mark T. Croghan was born Feb. 7, 1958, son of Jerome and Catherine (Schmitz) Croghan in Harlan. He grew up on a farm near Botna and graduated from Manning Community High School in 1977. He attended Iowa Lakes Community College for two years and studied construction tech.

He married Carol Justice Sept. 12, 1981, in Manning. Two sons were born to this union. Mark had worked for the last 22 years in the soybean processing industry, 5 years with Agra Industries and the last 17 years with AGP. Prior to that he worked for Bud Mohr Feed Store in Manning and in the construction industry as a carpenter. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. He served as co-chair of West High Prop Dads which assists with the West High Dance Squad. He had served as a volunteer on the Manning Fire Department. He died Oct. 18, 2003, at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha as the result of injuries suffered in an explosion Aug. 29, involving Hexane gas at the Port Neal Plant in Sioux City, at age 45.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Croghan; a brother-in-law, Rodney Justice; and a sister-in-law, Kristyn Justice. He is survived by his wife, Carol Croghan of Sioux City; two sons, Adam of Ames and Scott at home; his father, Jerome Croghan of Manning; his mother and father-in-law, Wayne and Arlene Justice of Manilla; 12 brothers and sisters, Julia (Mike) Fitzgerald of Winfield, IL; Mary (David) Ensch of Madison, WI; Ruth (Gary) Callahan of Cedar Rapids; Peter (Lois) Croghan of Manning; Joan (Rodney) Young of Mt. Vernon; Dennis (Lynette) Croghan of Manilla; Owen (LuAnn) Croghan of Alton; Luke (Linda) Croghan of Manilla; Willie (Diana) Croghan of Center Point; Paul (Brenda) Croghan of Manilla; Alice (Phil) Kramer of Center Point; and Catherine (Mark) Lechtenberg of Centerville.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 22, 2003, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Sioux City, with Father Merlin Schrad celebrant. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Manning. Casket bearers were his brothers, Peter, Dennis, Owen, Willie, Luke and Paul Croghan. Meyer Brothers Funeral Homes in charge of arrangements.