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Roger A. Gross, 40

April 23, 1952 — March 17, 1993

COTTAGE GROVE, OR. — Roger Allen Gross, son of Werner and Eulalia (Langenfeld) Gross, was born April 23, 1952, on a farm south of Earling. He was baptized, received his First Communion and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School through the eighth grade, and attended Harlan Community High School in Harlan, where he graduated in 1970.

March 19, 1970, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was stationed at the Miramar Naval Air Station, Miramar, CA. He received his honorable discharge Aug. 5, 1971, after obtaining the rank of Ensign 2nd class. After receiving his honorable discharge, he stayed in CA, where he worked building houses with John and Stan Knudson. In 1975, he returned to Iowa making his home in Kirkman, where he worked for West Central Development repairing and insulating houses. In 1977, he moved back to CA., where he met Susan Elizabeth Raymondo. He continued to live in CA., and for a short time in Washington state.

June 21, 1979, he and Suzanne were married at St. Joseph Church in Earling. After their marriage, they moved to Cottage Grove, OR., where he was employed as a drop operator for Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company. He died at the McKenzie-Willamette Hospital in Springfield, OR., at age 40, years, 10 months and 22 days.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Rodney Gross. Surviving is his wife, Sue Gross; his children, Dale, Hollie, and Heidi Gross, all of Cottage Grove, OR.; his mother, Eulalia Gross of Earling;

brothers and sisters, Darlene Trierweiler of Dow City; Robert (Patricia) Gross of Omaha, NE.; Richard (Elaine) Gross of Defiance; Peggy (Richard) Whitaker of Omaha; Dennis (Rose Ann) Gross of Mt. Vernon; Dale (Anna Mae) Gross of Earling; Shirley (Ronald) Graeve of Omaha; Connie (Jerome) Kohles of Harlan; Anna Marie (Jim) Mills of Shawnee Mission, KS.; Daniel (Judy) Gross of Houston, TX.; Gary Gross of Co. Bluffs; Marvin (Debbie) Gross of Earling; Glen (Pat) Gross of Plano, TX.; Steven (Brenda) Gross of Earling; Chris (Christina) Gross of Apple Valley, CA.; and Cynthia Sharp of Richardson, TX., and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated March 22, 1993 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant and Rev. Dennis Trausch and Rev. Ken Gross concelebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery with Jim Whitaker, Tom Trierweiler, Curt Graeve and Steve Riedl honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Jeff Gross, Russ Trierweiler, Stacy Gross, Mike Whitaker, Denny Kohles, and Frank Graeve. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.