

Lee Gordon, 48

May 13, 1954 - Feb. 9, 2003

HARLAN – Lee Edward Gordon, son of Charles O. and Nola R. (Duncan) Gordon, was born May 13, 1954, in Shenandoah. In 1971, he began working at the Oakland Beef Plant.

May 26, 1972, Lee married Teri R. Scheibe at the Carson United Methodist Church. In 1978, Lee went to work for the Carson Police Department, where he remained until moving to Harlan. Jan. 21, 1981, he began work as a patrolman with the Harlan Police Department; he was promoted to Sergeant Feb. 10, 1985, and to Assistant Police Chief April 1, 1988. Lee became the Harlan Police Chief Feb. 20, 1991. For 15 years, he also worked as a paper carrier for the Des Moines Register. Lee was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He was a member of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers, Inc. In 1991, he and Teri opened their home to their 10-year-old niece, Amber, after her parents died. Lee died Feb. 9, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 48 years, eight months and 27 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Larry Gordon and Charles Gordon; one sister-in-law, Nikki Gordon; and one nephew, Thomas Gordon. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Teri Gordon of Harlan; one son, Chad Gordon (Angie) of Carson; one daughter, Brandy Gordon of Harlan; two grandchildren, Samantha Gordon and Briteny Gordon, both of Carson; one niece, Amber Gordon of Des Moines; one sister-in-law, Cheryl Todd of Carson; three brothers-in-law, Billy Todd and Tim Todd (Raneta), all of Carson, and Alan Todd (Julie) of Oakland; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson and Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Casket bearers were Kevin Petty, Rodney McMurphy, Aaron Holtz, Jeff Garrison, Steve Davis, Frank Clark, Brent Soll and Faye Chamberlain. Burial was in the Carson Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

