

**Arlo Hansen, 72****April 15, 1938 - Aug. 26, 2010**

**GOODLAND, KS** — Arlo Ray Hansen, formerly of Harlan, age 72, entered into eternal rest on August 26, 2010 at his home in Goodland, KS. He was born on April 15, 1938 to Peter and Alice Hansen in a farmhouse located in Irvington, NE. His family moved to Portsmouth when he was almost 2 years old. He went to kindergarten at a country school and then the rest of his school years were spent in Harlan. After graduation from Harlan Community High School in 1956, he went into Army Reserve training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Once basic training was completed he went to Fort Knox, KY for advanced infantry training. After that, he returned home to farm. In 1970, he decided to try something new and attended an electronics trade school in Omaha, NE.

While he was in Omaha he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Lara, and they were married on June 27, 1970 at the SAC Air Force Base Chapel in Bellevue, NE. Arlo graduated in October of 1971 and obtained a First Class Radio and Telegraph License

with Radar Endorsements. He went on to get a job in Beatrice, NE working at a TV and appliance store. In June 1972, he got a job with Nebraska Educational TV operating a transmitter site near Holdredge, NE. Never one to sit on his hands, he also operated by remote control, another transmitter near Hastings, NE. In 1973, Arlo and his family moved to Kirkman where he went to work with cattle in a feed lot for Stanley and Joyce Christensen, feeding 5,000 head of cattle at one time. He was mayor of Kirkman for a time. To better his life, he attended a real estate sales school and got an Iowa Real Estate Sales Associate License. When 1975 rolled around he went to work for "Alamito Dairy" doing home delivery until 1976 when he went to work for "Wonder Bread" delivering to stores in Omaha and Blair, NE. Around 1976, Arlo, Mary Lou and their two daughters moved to Glenwood. Arlo started his own home remodeling business called "Smiling Sun". The motto for his business was "Most Anything under the Sun". He worked magic with his hands. He continued to work and live in the Glenwood area for almost 20 years. Arlo and his family were members of the Grace United Methodist Church and also custodians for several years. Around age 38, he rejoined the Army Reserves and became a Drill Sergeant. At the age of 46, he retired from the Army Reserves. Arlo also volunteered as a Fireman in Glenwood and was also a proud active member of the Glenwood Kiwanis Club.

In 1994, Arlo and Mary Lou began a new career as relief managers for Motel 6. They became Managers of the Motel 6 in Goodland, KS in 1995, but left Goodland for a brief time to move back to the Omaha area to be with family. They decided that Goodland was where they wanted to be, so in 1997 they moved back to Goodland. He became a member again of the Kiwanis Club in Goodland. Arlo continued to work for Motel 6 for a time, but decided that a change was necessary and began working for Wal-Mart. When the opportunity arose he became the Store Manager for the Sinclair Station. Arlo enjoyed life, family, pets and friends. His favorite pastime was working in his garden and planting flowers. He was an active member of the Kiwanis Club for 28 years and proud of all the work they have done. He wanted to make Goodland a better community and helped in many different ways to make a difference for all. He was a true believer in his country and all military affiliations. As a member of the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, he was able to touch more people's lives.

Arlo is preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Alice Hansen, and sister, Jeanette Dugger. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou of Goodland, KS; daughter Melissa Hansen of Denver, CO; daughter DeAnn and son Rick Eledge of Plattsmouth, NE; grandchildren Ricky, Tana, and Leo Eledge; elder brother Florian and wife Nadine Hansen of Kimballton; sister Iona Stratbucker of Blair, NE; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church, 112 N. Walnut Street in Glenwood on Friday, October 15, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Memorials will be directed to the Lymphoma Society and sent to Bateman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 278, Goodland, KS 67735.

