

Jerry Lytle, 60

Feb. 4, 1942 - Jan. 5, 2003

HARLAN - Jerry Ray Lytle, son of J. Lee and Mary Elizabeth McDowell Lytle, was born Feb. 4, 1942, in Harlan. Jerry was baptized at the Irwin Methodist Church and attended grade school in Tennant, Irwin, and Audubon, before moving to Harlan. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1960. While in high school, he participated in track, baseball, basketball and football. While growing to adulthood, he worked with his father on the family farm and after high school, was employed by Farm Service Co-op in Harlan.

Nov. 4, 1961, he married Nancy Dunn. They were the parents of four children, Jennifer, Douglas, Stephen and Justin. After his marriage, he, along with Warren Kolb, operated Sparky's Standard Station for five years. Jerry then went on to drive semi for 8-Way Trucking Company, as well as, selling real estate for Marion Armentrout. In 1978, he began working for Western Engineering in Harlan where he worked until the Spring of 2001.

Aug. 6, 2002 Jerry married Jolene Custer. Jerry and Jolene made their home in Harlan. An original Board Member of Concerned, Inc. of Harlan, he was also an active member of the Harlan Jaycees, and was instrumental in the Jaycee's creation of the Harlan Speedway. Jerry never grew away from his father's love of farming. He loved tractors and collected them along with NASCAR memorabilia. Jerry died Jan. 5, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 60 years, 11 months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his father; two infant brothers; and his step-granddaughter, Jessica Custer. Jerry is survived by his wife, Jolene Lytle of Harlan; his children, Jennifer (Bob) Appleby of Colorado; Doug Lytle of Colorado; Steve Lytle and his friend, Kari of Harlan; and Justin Lytle of Colorado; his mother, Mary Elizabeth "Babe" Lytle of Harlan; his grandchildren, Ashley, Chantel, Brooke, Cory, Emily, Scott and Sam; his brother, Bob Lytle (Barb) of Atlantic; two stepsons, Cole Custer and his friend, Jayne of Harlan and Curt Custer of Tulsa, OK; his niece, Ericka, and his nephew, Adam, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9, 2003, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Chuck Lyon, Casey Christensen, Kelly Fiscus, Kenny Arnold, Lynn Christensen, Gary Huffman, Roger Huffman, Hank Christensen, Calvin Peterson and Harold Blackwell honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Mark Hervey, Kevin "Hoss" Krohn, Adam Lytle, Gary Gubbels, Mike Davidson, Bradley Kohl, Mike Whitaker and Chad Peterson

