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Lee Olhava, 43

Dec. 1, 1958 - March 31, 2001

HARLAN – Lee Anthony Olhava, son of Anthony L. and Renate I. (Schach) Olhava, was born Dec. 1, 1958, in Omaha, NE. He was raised between Logan and Persia, and graduated from Logan-Magnolia High School in 1978. After graduation, he farmed with his father, and then worked at the rock quarries in Logan. He was later employed at the beef packing plant in Oakland. He returned to farming and quarry work, continuing until poor health caused him to retire. His favorite job during his lifetime was the part-time position he held at the Dunlap Sale Barn. Lee was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, where he had been baptized and confirmed.



He served as a Harrison County Farm Bureau board member. As a youth, he had been involved in 4-H and heavyweight wrestling. He died March 31, 2002, at his home in Harlan, at age 43 years, three months and 30 days.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents; one niece, and one nephew. Survivors include his parents, Anthony and Renate Olhava of Harlan; two sisters, Renona (Dennis) Crawford of Grinnell and Heidee Olhava and her special friend, Rick Boots, of Muscatine; one brother, Douglas (Kim) Olhava of Garner; 10 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held April 6, 2002, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, with Pastor Dale Jenson officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.