

Phillip Lloyd Core, 57

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Phillip Lloyd Core, son of Lloyd Ellsworth and Dolores Mae (Loyna-

chan) Core was born on March 17, 1958 in Oskaloosa.

Phil attended Pleasantville Schools, graduating in 1976. While in school, he excelled in academics, sports, and FFA. He was named FFA Iowa Star Farmer in 1976 and was an Iowa State FFA Officer. He held the high-jump record at Pleasantville Schools for several years - those who met him later in life had a hard time believing this.

Phil graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science from Iowa State University in 1980. While at Iowa State he was on the Livestock Judging Team. He loved analyzing livestock and placed 2nd in the National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest. He was a proud member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and had lifetime friends through this or-

ganization. An avid Iowa State fan, Phil enjoyed cheering on the Cyclones, especially Cyclone basketball games.

On Aug. 30, 1980, he married Ann Elizabeth Lang from Brooklyn. They have two daughters, Lindsey Ann and Morgan Leigh. The family spent many hours working with their cattle, and together with his brother Mark and sister-in-law Deb built a nationally competitive Maine-Anjou operation, being awarded Premier Breeder from the American Maine-Anjou Association in 1997. Summer vacations were spent showing cattle at National Junior Shows around the country. Phil was a long time advisor for the Iowa Junior Maine-Anjou Association and also served on the Iowa and American Maine-Anjou Boards for many years.

Phil remained active in the Pleasantville community throughout his life, serving as President of the School Board and was a member of the Pleasantville FFA Alumni Association. He was a member of

Pleasantville Disciples of Christ Church. Phil was a founding member of the Three Trees Club - a close-knit group of friends who grew up showing at the Marion County Fair and then years later watched all of their kids do the same. This group's love of the fair and its' competitive youth livestock shows resulted in the sponsorship of the traveling trophies for Grand Champion Market Steer, Market Lamb, and Market Swine at the Marion County Fair.

Phil devoted his entire career to the livestock industry in various roles over the years including the Iowa Pork Producers Association, the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, and McVean Trading. He was a cattle buyer for Monfort, JBS, and most recently Iowa Premium Beef. Phil enjoyed the opportunity to visit with producers and loved the game of trading livestock.

Family was very important to Phil. He loved attending his daughters' games, livestock shows, plays, musicals, and contests over the years. He enjoyed teaching, coaching, encouraging, and especially spending the

time to create memories with everyone.

Phil passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at the age of 56 years.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ann; daughters, Lindsey (Stephen) Core-Linnebur of Flora, Indiana and Morgan Core of Austin, Minnesota; brother, Mark (Deb) of Pleasantville, IA; parents-in-law, Jack and Marilyn Lang of Brooklyn; brother-in-law Mark (Patty) Lang of Brooklyn; sisters-in-law Mary (Doug) Tatro of Rock Island, Illinois and Paula (Neal) Smith of Brooklyn; 6 nieces and 2 nephews, and many other family members and friends.

Memorial services was held on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Celebrate Community Church in Knoxville. The family received friends two hours prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Phil's name. Online condolences can be made at www.bertrandfuneralhome.com