

Robert Lee Van Der Molen

Funeral services were held for Robert Lee Van Der Molen, 45, of Montezuma on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Peoria Christian School Recreation Building, Peoria, Iowa. Van Der Molen died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 in Two Harbors, Minn.

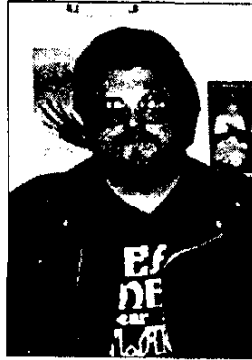
Robert Lee Van Der Molen was born On Jan. 2, 1956 in Oskaloosa, to Louis and Mable Marie

(Branderhorst) Van Der Molen. Bob, as he was known, graduated from the Pella Christian Grade School and attended Pella Public High School.

In 1975 Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served with the Military Police in Germany and was honorably discharged in 1978. During his service time, Bob received his G.E.D. diploma.

On July 21, 1979, Bob and Cathy Lynn Gullion were married at Knoxville. The couple had two sons: Robert Michael and Cody Wayne. Bob, Cathy and the boys lived in Colorado and Arizona before returning to Knoxville. During this time, he did construction work, was employed with Roto-Rooter and as a butcher.

Bob enjoyed participating in cowboy shows. He relocated to Pella where he married Heather Nichols on May 5, 1995. The couple had two children: Louis Gerald and Autumn Joan. Bob's family then also included a step-son, Jared H. Nichols. Bob, Heather and their children



lived in Montana and Minnesota.

Upon his return to Pella, Bob was employed as a meat cutter at Ulrich's Meat Market. Bob enjoyed working as butcher until he became disabled due to a work injury.

He left behind three sons: Robert M. Van Der Molen, 19, Cody W. Van Der Molen, 18, Louis G. Van Der Molen, 5; his

daughter, Autumn J. Van Der Molen, 2; his step-son, Jared H. Nichols; his mother, Mabel M. (Branderhorst) Van Der Molen; his older brother, Roger W. Van Der Molen and wife Jean and their six children, Jason, Sonja, Jennifer, William, Regina and Jesse; his maternal grandmother, Mildred (Harvey) Branderhorst; and a sister-in-law, Susan D. (Richard) Van Der Molen and her three children, Larissa, Leslie and Lane.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Louis M. Van Der Molen, who died Jan. 11, 1992; his brother, Richard W. (Rick) Van Der Molen, 44, who died Aug. 28, 1977; his maternal grandfather, William M. Branderhorst; and his paternal grandparents, Martin and Tillie (Ozinga) Van Der Molen.

Bob enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and was a member of the Viet Nam Vets, a motorcycle club. He was a avid supporter and fan of his son's sporting events.

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