

In Memory...



Paul Rex James

November 5, 1931 - January 29, 2008
Searsboro, Iowa

Rex was united in marriage to Jo Ann Zimmerman on August 31, 1958 at the Union Mills Christian Church in New Sharon, Iowa. Rex was an active cattleman and farmed near Searsboro since 1962. He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church, the American Legion in Malcom,

the Masonic Lodge in Searsboro, Farm Bureau, the Iowa Red Angus Association, the National Red Angus Association, the Iowa Cattleman's Association, and the National Cattleman's Association.

Rex was an outdoorsman who held a passion for farming the land and was a dedicated cattleman. He began raising Red Angus cattle in 1964 and was a state and nationally known Red Angus breeder. The couple traveled to cattle shows throughout the United States. His enjoyments included making homemade ice cream for the grandchildren, joking with his family and friends, and watching sporting events on TV.

Rex is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jo Ann James of Searsboro; his sons Fritz (Marcy) James of Searsboro and R.C. (Kathy) James of Searsboro; his daughter Tammy (Craig) Wallace of Stotts City, Missouri; 4 grandchildren, Paige and Sam Wallace of Stotts City, Missouri, and Zach and Aly James of Searsboro; and his sister Lois Whitmer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to the Rex James Memorial Fund to benefit organizations of the family's choice.



Travis Mark Pieper

Hay Springs, Nebraska

Travis Mark Pieper, 32, passed away from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Tuesday, January 29, 2008. Travis was born to Mark and Debra (Hollibaugh) Pieper April 16, 1975, in Chadron. He graduated from Crawford High School in 1993. On Sept. 4, 1998, he married Jessamyn Lafler of Mitchell. Travis and Jessamyn have two sons, Taylen, age 8, and Jarret, age 7.

Travis was an avid cattleman. From the beginning of his short life, he had a unique talent and love for working with cattle. He began his show and breeding career in 4-H and continued by building his own registered herd. Travis was well known for his judging, fitting, and showing of cattle. For years, his top sire, Bodacious, was the talk and envy of Red Angus cattlemen. He had many wins in the Red Angus breed at the NILE, NWSS, Fort Worth Stock Show, Kearney Classic, Black Hills Stock Show, Iowa State Fair, and NAILE. He was a partner in Pieper Red Angus with his parents and brother, Tate Pieper.

Survivors include his parents, Mark and Debra Pieper of Hay Springs; his wife, Jessamyn and sons, Taylen and Jarret of Hay Springs; sister, Amy, her husband, Jarrod Bargmann and their three children, Derek, Taylor, and Kayla of Lincoln, Neb.; brother, Tate of Hay Springs; grandparents, Bernard and Jean Pieper of Scottsbluff, and Kenneth and RoseMary Hollibaugh of Hay Springs; in-laws, Brian and Mary Lafler of Alliance; sister-in-law, Paqui Lafler of Scottsbluff, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A Memorial Fund has been established for the education of Travis's two sons, Taylen and Jarret. Contributions can be sent to Security First Bank, 231 N Main, Hay Springs, NE 69347; Toll Free 877-829-9187