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Merlyn Lee McIlrath

Feb. 20, 1942, to Aug. 14, 2003

Merlyn Lee McIlrath, 61, of Roland, died of injuries sustained in an accident on I-35 in Warren County on Thursday, Aug. 14.

He was born Feb. 20, 1942, in Hartwick to Floyd and Adeline (Schild) McIlrath. He was a graduate of Keystone High School. He married Judy A. Hennings on Nov. 16, 1963, in Dysart. He was a crane operator for Crane Rental and Rigging of Grimes. He enjoyed fishing, sports, woodworking and being with family. Merlyn and Judy moved from Missouri to Story County in 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, of Roland; two sons, Patrick McIlrath of Balltown and Christopher McIlrath of Story City; four daughters, Deena Davis of State Center, Leanne Haferbier of Roland, Sarah Kuhn of Polk City and Kari Karl of Oklahoma City, Okla.; five grandchildren; his father, Floyd McIlrath of Keystone; and a sister, Karen Raub of Dysart.

He is preceded in death by his mother in 1997.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 18, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City with Pastor Stephen Anenson officiating. Burial followed in the Roland Cemetery in Roland. A memorial fund has been established. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.

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