



Johnny W. Yelli

October 3, 1961 - April 15, 2011

Services for Johnny W. Yelli, 49, of Pierce will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stonacek Memorial Chapel here with the Rev. Keith Rezac officiating. Private family services will be held at a later date.\r\nVisitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Stonacek Memorial Chapel. He died Friday, April 15, 2011, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. Johnny W. Yelli was born Oct. 3, 1961, to Virgil and Lorene (Thelander) Yelli at Detroit, Mich. He attended Orchard Public Schools and received his GED. After high school, he operated Yelli Trucking. John then worked at Darling International until they closed. He then worked at Craft Construction and then was employed for two years at the Sunset Plaza Mall in maintenance.\r\nJohnny married Sheryl Raff on June 8, 1999, at Hot Springs, S.D. He is survived by wife Sheryl Yelli of Pierce; three sons Anthony Tunender of Grand Island, Avery Yelli of California and Duane Yelli; one daughter Christina R. Sobotka of York; one grandson; step-children Teresa and Alvin Polt of Pierce, Michelle Raff of Foster, Stacie and Eric Gilbertson and Chad Raff, all of Pierce; nephew Mark DeCamp; 11 step-grandchildren; mother Lorene White of O'Neill; three sisters, Kathy and husband Chuck Coats of O'Neill, Sue and husband Steve DeCamp of St. Paul, and Trishia and husband Steve Thompson of O'Neill; two brothers, Jim Yelli of O'Neill and Jerry and wife Teresa Yelli of Inman; along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by grandparents, father and step-granddaughter Breawna Raff.

Tribute Wall



“ Johnny W. Yelli

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“ Firstly, to the Family,, I'm sorry for your loss, I attended the service, and I'm sorry I did not express that inperson.I first met John as a Freshman at Orchard HighSchool,, he was the first person to come up and speak to me, we were friends since; Regretably didn't stay intouch very good.\r\n\r\nWe have all had the Experience of knowing someone that Acted like a Good Friend, but had no Problems betraying that Friendship behind your back, This was NEVER an Issue with John, he either WAS a Friend or he Wasn't. what you seen is what you got.. He wan't perfect, but how many people Are ? I'm Not, and I hope I never meet anyone that IS or Believe's they are.\r\n\r\nIf there is one thing I will take away from knowing John and hope everyone else does as well, be UPFRONT, be Who you are, love you or hate you, at least even if they can't admitt it,...maybe people will Respect you, because RESPECT IS EARNED,, as well as TRUST, John did that.\r\n\r\nThank You JOHN, for helping me be a better person, ,,##imported-begin##Steve Dohnal##imported-end##

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