

Randall Stolz, 63

Dec. 17, 1950 - Oct. 8, 2014

EARLING — Randall Henry Stolz, the son of George Henry and Marie Margaret (Blum) Stolz, Jr., was born on December 17, 1950, in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling. Randy graduated from Harlan High School in 1970.



December 11, 1971, Randy married Patricia Ann Stessman in Defiance; they had four children together. The couple later divorced. Randy worked at the IBP hide plant in Denison, for 20 years. He began farming his father's land in the summer of 1987, and continued farming for a few years before moving to Earling in 1993. During that time, he also worked at Farmland. A good mechanic, he had always done small engine work, repairing motorcycles, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and other small engines; for the last 15 years, Randy did this work full-time. Randy was of the Catholic faith and had received Last Rites of the Church. He was big-hearted and friendly, and had a great sense of humor. Randy had his own nickname, "Hiney", and also had a nickname for everyone he met. He enjoyed fishing and watching NASCAR racing, and especially loved cheering on his favorite football team, the Minnesota Vikings. Randall H. Stolz died on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having reached the age of 63 years, 9 months, and 21 days.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Paige Schwarte. He is survived by four children, Gary Stolz (special friend, Janice Christensen) of Earling, Becky (Jason) Finken of Harlan, Tina (Kelly) Schwarte of Earling, and Randy Stolz of Earling; six siblings, Twyla (Bob) McConnell of Defiance, Sid Stolz of Defiance, Deb (Ked) Frederick of Earling, Pam (Randy) Schwery of Earling, Russ (Jill) Stolz of Defiance, and Cheri Crawley (special friend, Bruce Christensen) of Harlan; seven grandchildren, Noa, Chase, Evan, and Kai Finken, and Parker, Pyper, and Paxton Schwarte; and other relatives and friends.

Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling, with Father David L. Smith, S.J., celebrating. Tyler Gubbels served as the musician. Urn bearers were Sid Stolz, Russ Stolz, Ked Frederick, Randy Schwery, and Bob McConnell. Burial of ashes will be held at a later date. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.

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