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Forrest W. Dewey

MANKATO----Forrest W. Dewey, 67, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at home. He was born on November 18, 1948, in Belleville, KS, the son of Crissie Belle (Sorrell) and Delmar Sherwood Dewey.

On June 20, 1971, he was united in marriage to Lynda R. Rafferty. The couple made their home in Mankato, KS, where he was a self-employed general contractor.

Survivors include wife, Lynda; daughters Shawna Blain (Lennie); Tisha Dewey; Jaci Dewey; sisters Linda Dewey; Marie Basart; brothers Richard Dewey (Candy); John Dewey (Pat); grandkids Merritt Blain; Jayde Blain; nieces; nephews; great nephews and great nieces and friends. Proceeded in death by his parents.

Forrest was a volunteer fireman for 35 years on the Mankato Volunteer Fire Department. One of the fondest memories is of him having his nephews on Truck 22 putting out a grass fire at the Judy Ranch. He was also known for saying you have 10 seconds to cut the barbed wire or I'm driving through it.

He and his wife coached girl's softball for 12 years.

His friendship with Bob Forney allowed him to form F&B Tackle. They spent many hours in the garage pouring lead heads then painting, adding feathers, rubber bodies and spinners. They sold their lures to businesses in Mankato, Glen Elder and Osborne.

No matter what time of day it was, if he was needed he was there. Daughters would call and say they had trouble with any number of things and he would jump in his pickup headed to help. He could also be found attending any activity that his grandkids were involved in. Forrest will be remembered as a loving husband and loving dad. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements handled by Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS 66949 and visitation will be there Friday, April 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Funeral service will be Saturday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm at the Christian Church in Mankato, KS.

Memorials may be given to Mankato Volunteer Fire Department.