

Henry Paul 'J.R.' Gomendi

July 17, 1969 - February 10, 2012

Henry Paul "J.R." Gomendi, 42, died suddenly Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, as the result of an auto accident in Fremont County.

Born July 17, 1969, in La Jolla, Calif., he was the son of Henry "Hank" and Barbara (Eckstadt) Gomendi. He attended middle school in Thermopolis and high school in Ten Sleep. Moving to California, he was employed as a prison guard until returning to Thermopolis in 1996. He worked for Northwest BOCES and the Wyoming Boys' School. In 2000, he once again was employed as a federal prison guard in California and later as a loan officer. He became disabled in 2005.

On Sept. 15, 2009, he married Dawn Andreen in Thermopolis. The couple lived in California until moving back to Thermopolis in 2011.

J.R. enjoyed fishing, gambling, camping and his animals. He liked being with his family and friends. Traveling to Germany numerous times, he visited relatives there.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Barbara and Henry Oliver of California; wife, of Thermopolis; brothers, Billy and Dave Oneyear, both of Casper, and David Oliver of Alaska; and sisters, Nikki Oliver and Nancy Gomendi, both of California, Andi Luton of Oregon, Sammy Redding and Jenny Bennett, both of Casper, and C.C. Caruthers.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hank, formerly of Thermopolis; and his Oma, Eva Eckstadt of Germany.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at Mortimore Funeral Home with Stephanie Stroud, J.R. and Dawn's niece, officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made in Henry "J.R." Gomendi's name at Big Horn Federal, 643 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443.

