ELKHART – Ralph Allan Forbes, 61, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013, at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart.

He was born March 27, 1951, to Melvin and Ruby (Hagerman) Forbes in Vilas, Colo.

He married Florence Pamela (Penny) Adams Sept. 15, 1972, in Elkhart. She survives.

He worked for the Morton County Road Department for many years.

He was a member of Hillcrest Southern Baptist Church, Morton County Little Britches Rodeo board, United States Team Roping championships and past director of the Kansas Professional Rodeo Board 40/40 Team Roping.

He enjoyed team roping with his wife and children.

Other survivors include three sons, Waylon Forbes and wife, Shilo, Casey Forbes and wife, Jonetta, and Brice Forbes and wife, Natasha, all of Elkhart; two sisters, Rowena Maze, Henderson, Nev., and Ardith Talbert, Muskogee, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceeded in death by his parents and one brother Royal Forbes.

o Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Morton County Civic Center in Elkhart, with Pastor Terrell Giddens presiding.

Burial will be at the Elkhart Cemetery.

Friends may call until 8 p.m. today at Hillcrest Southern Baptist Church in Elkhart.

Memorials are suggested to Ministerial Alliance Food Bank and for Morton County Little Britches Rodeo Association and may be mailed to Paul's Funeral Home P.O. Box 236, Hugoton, KS 67951.