

Jon Wesley Butler, 43, died Monday, March 11, 2013.

He was born Oct. 10, 1969, to Rita Martin and Vernon Butler in Garden City.

He married Karlese Swinney July 31, 1993, in Hugoton. She survives.

He graduated from Taloga High School in 1988 and then continued his education at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., where he received a bachelor of science degree in education. He later received his master's in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

He taught and coached in Calumet, Watonga and Guymon. He later taught seventh grade science and coached girls softball and basketball in Elk City before becoming assistant principal of Elk City High School.

He refereed many basketball games including two years of refereeing at the state tournament. He was a member of the State Referees Association, Third Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and a member of the St. Matthew Catholic Church of Elk City.

Other survivors include his maternal grandmother, Mary Anita Martin, Mooreland; his parents; son, Kyler Butler of the home; daughter, Tristen Butler of the home; brothers and sisters, Link Butler, Elk City, Casey Clark, Mooreland, Kristyn Davis, Edmond, Okla., Kahle Goff, Ponca City, Okla., Kasey Goff, Choctaw, Okla., Melissa Stewart, Woodward, Okla., and Kim Clark, Vici, Okla.; and mother and father-in-law, Don and Connie Swinney, Hugoton.

• A celebration of life service took place Thursday, March 14, at the United Methodist Church of

Elk City.

Mass of Christian burial followed Friday, March 15, at the St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Burial followed at the St. Joseph Cemetery in Mooreland.

Memorials are suggested to the Benefit Fund for John Butler in care of Interbank of Elk City.

An online registry is available at www.martinhok.com.