

MANTER – Russell Blake “Russ” Wilkerson, 37, died Monday, June 16, 2013, in Manter. He was born Feb. 3, 1976, to Alvin Emery “Bud” and Donice Shirley (Batterton) Wilkerson in Johnson.

He graduated from Stanton County High School in 1994. He then attended Dodge City Community College, Kansas State University and West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas, earning a bachelors degree in agriculture business and economics.

He then returned home to farm.

He was a member of the Manter Methodist Church.

He was an Associate Board Member for Skyland Grain and a pitcher for the Manter Tea Softball Team.

He enjoyed gambling, attended the National Finals Rodeo every year and was a Kansas City Royals fan.

He is survived by his mother; brothers, Bryce Wilkerson and wife, Rhonda, and Charles Wilkerson and wife, Rosemary, both of Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Clifford Lyle Wilkerson.

• Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Manter, with Pastor Will Kenyon presiding.

Burial will follow at the Stanton County Cemetery in Johnson.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Garnand Funeral Home in Johnson.

Memorials are suggested to the United Methodist Church in Manter, in care of Garnand Funeral Home, P.O. Box 715, Johnson, KS 67855.