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**01/15/2013 - Paul Christopher Bates**

Paul Christopher Bates, 43, passed away Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at The Tabitha Journey House in Lincoln. His memorial funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Jolliffe Funeral Home in Scottsbluff with Pastor Giles Armstrong officiating. A memorial has been established to the Tabitha Journey House in Lincoln.

Paul was born September 15, 1969 at Astoria, Oregon to Peter C. and Josie A. (Schommer) Bates. He graduated from Chadron High School and later attended Vocational Technical College in Milford where he received his Associates degree. He served his country with the Army National Guard for several years. He was also a diesel mechanic and ranch hand during his life.

Paul loved calf roping, video games, and the History Channel. He was an avid Nebraska Football fan, and enjoyed fishing and camping.

Paul is survived by his son Jordan Wilcox-Bates of Greeley, Colorado; father Peter C. Bates of Portland, Oregon; brother Chad G. Bates of Excelsior, Minnesota; uncles Jim (Chris) Schommer of Sundance, Wyoming, and Charles Schommer of Portland, Oregon; aunt Pat (Alan) Weinhold of Scottsbluff, and numerous cousins.

Paul was preceded in death by his mother Josie Ann Schommer-Bates, and his grandfather Henry G. Schommer.