

# Obituary

## Kent Gentry, 56



Kent George Gentry, 56, of Blackfoot, passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

Kent was born on April 8, 1955 in Blackfoot and was raised by his mother Bonnie and step Father Frank Gentry. He attended grade school in the Blackfoot school district and high school in Wendover and Battle Mountain, Nevada. He earned his GED through Idaho State University and became certified as an automotive technician through the ISU College of Technology. Throughout his life, Kent lived in Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, and Rigby, Idaho; Battle Mountain and Wendover, Nevada; and St. George and Farmington, New Mexico.

Kent worked as a truck driver, working both routes and long haul routes. He worked for Lambert Produce, and Black Diamond Paving, as well as Yellowstone Truck Stop and Truckers International Truck Stop. While he drove truck “to pay the bills” he much preferred working as a back yard mechanic. Through the years he worked on many different vehicles, trucks, heavy farm equipment, classic cars and motorcycles. He could fix just about anything and was a true “MacGyver.”

He enjoyed the normal things of life; camping, fishing, and spending time with friends and family, but his greatest joy was found riding his Harley. Kent was a friend to many and will be missed by all.

Kent is survived by his mother Bonnie Gentry of Blackfoot; brothers Brad (*Nancy*) Gentry of Wendover, Nevada, Terry Mihelish of Blackfoot and Jeff (*Brandy*) Gentry of Blackfoot; a sister, Bobbi (*John*) Rinkus of Blackfoot; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his step father, Frank; a twin brother Brent, and another brother Scott.

A memorial service will be held in Kent’s honor 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot.

The family will meet with friends for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221 to offset funeral costs. Condolences may be sent to the family at [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).