



In Memory of
Travis K Kitelinger

Class of 1988
25 November 1969 - 27 June 1986

Travis Kitelinger, 16, was electrocuted today while working with an electrical sander.

He was born in Eau Claire and lived in Cleghorn since age 2.

Survivors include his parents Dennis and Nancy Kitelinger, Cleghorn; a brother Raymond Brovold III, a sister LoAnn Larson, and her husband Howi, Nephew Dirk Larson Eau Claire: grandparents Kenneth and Delores Kitelinger, Osseo, and Eugene and Evelyn Breiter, Eau Claire, and great-grandmother, Matie Cameron, Eau Claire.

Travis enjoyed the outdoors and outdoor sports, and loved to write about the things he did. He took gun and boating safety classes in preparation for his outdoor adventures. Following are two papers that he wrote for school projects, that show how much he enjoyed doing these things with his dad, friends and relatives. There were times when his mom went hunting with him, and he really watched out for mom, that she would be safe - and would make sure that she would get up and down the hills and valleys okay! He was always concerned for others. (Written by his mother)

THESE ARE THE THINGS I PREFER TO DO
(Written by Travis)

When it comes to hobbies, I have it pretty good. My father and I enjoy pretty much the same activities and spend much time doing them. With Bass fishing in the spring, and summer, hunting in the fall, and ice fishing in the winter, I am seldom bored.

In spring and summer we spend much time Bass fishing. My father is a member of the "Chippewa Valley Hawg Hunters", a bass club, and participated in many tournaments during the summer. I am joining the club this coming spring and hoping to do well.

In the fall we enjoy hunting squirrel, grouse, duck, rabbit and, most of all, deer. We hunt deer with bow and gun, but I enjoy bow hunting because the weather is not as cold.

When winter comes, ice fishing begins, and lasts throughout the winter. I like jigging for pan fish but night fishing with tip-ups is my favorite. I sometimes go with my brother-in-law for Northerns, Bass and Walleye at night and build a large bonfire which blazes all night. When it is cloudy and cold , with the fire blazing, it is seldom too cold.

With hunting and fishing throughout the year, I am seldom bored and manage to do what I prefer. I believe that everyone should enjoy the outdoors, summer and winter, and these are some ways in which I do just that.

HABITAT IS THE KEY SURVIVAL (Written by Travis)

Habitat is the key to survival because without habitat there would be no plants or animals. We depend a lot on many plants because without plants there would be no food. Insects and animals eat plants and we eat the animals, so if there were not any plants we would die. Today we are destroying our environment or habitat around us. Dumping polluted water back in lakes, streams, and rivers will eventually kill our fish, birds, and many animals.

Two of the major problems facing us today is simply us. We use all the wood for lumber, paper, etc. We take up all the land for big cities, which pollutes the air. By using up all the land wildlife has no place to live and begin to die out. Another problem is our laziness. We use lead shot because it is cheaper than steel shot. The ducks eat the lead that they find on the bottom which poisons them.

Wildlife and plants are good indicators of the quality of our environment, and right now our environment doesn't look very good. A lot of our streams and rivers are polluted from acid rain which was formed from our large factories. Our large cities are causing wildlife to lose land and they are eventually dying out. Our air is being polluted with smog from large cities. Oil spills have been the cause of many fish and birds dying. Our environment is in a bad condition and we have ourselves to blame.