

## Lyle (Sonny) Best, 67

*April 12, 1936 - Aug. 27, 2003*

**GARDEN GROVE, CA** – Lyle Dean (Sonny) Best, son of Arden D. and Jennie Leona (Hillers) Best, was born April 12, 1936, on a farm northwest of Shelby. He attended Shelby Consolidated School, graduating with the class of 1953. After graduation, he worked in Omaha before enlisting in the United States Air Force. He then settled in California where he lived until his death. Lyle worked many years for International Harvester, working as an accountant in the truck division, then for Westrux until retirement in 2001.

In 1979, he married Jan De Shong and they made their home in Fountain Valley, CA. Lyle was a member of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, where he served as deacon, among other offices of the church. Lyle died unexpectedly at his home in Garden Grove, CA, Aug. 27, 2003, at age 67 years, four months and 15 days.

He is preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Andy Thom. Lyle is survived by his sisters, Lois Jean Sick, Harlan; Betty (Doug) Kiesel, Shelby; Judy (Bob) Thom, Chesterfield, MO; and Janet (Robert) Meier, Irwin; nieces, nephews and other relatives, and former wife, Jane Best, and four stepchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Sept. 4, 2003, at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant at Cost Mesa, CA. Memorial services and inurnment were held at the Shelby Cemetery Oct. 4, 2003, with Pastor Steve Kiesel officiating.