

Wesley Durham, Sr., 77

Nov. 11, 1922 – Dec. 10, 1999

KIMBALLTON – Wesley Robert Durham Sr., son of Casewell Edgar and Minnie Mabel Roberts Durham, was born Nov. 11, 1922, at Wolsey, SD. He attended grade school in South Dakota. In 1932 the family moved to Kimballton. He continued his schooling in Kimballton and at Audubon High School. Wes served in the United States Navy as a Carpenter's Mate in World War II.

March 27, 1962, he married Wilma Grace Acalin. One son was born to this union. He worked as a carpenter in California, Nevada and Arizona. After he retired he moved back home to Kimballton. He attended the First Baptist Church in Elk Horn. When his health began to fail, he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home. He died Dec. 10, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 77 years and 29 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings, Daisy Rask, Nellie McKeller, Henry Durham, Virgil Durham, Casewell Durham and Raymond Durham. He is survived by his son, Wesley Jr. (Dana) and their two children, Jennifer and Wesley III of Citrus Heights, CA; his wife, Grace Durham of Apache Junction, AZ; three stepchildren, Grace Fogarty, Jerry Acalin and Milica Acalin, all of California; two brothers, Russell Durham of Elk Horn and Jesse Durham (Izroa) of Elk Horn; one sister, Margaret (Jim) Snyder of Banning, CA; one sister-in-law, Estelle Durham of Vancouver, WA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 1999, at the Elk Horn Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Marcum officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Jess Durham, Jim Durham, Dave Mathers, Russell Durham, Wesley "Bob" Durham, Jr., and James Lane. Ohde Funeral Home, Elk Horn, in charge of arrangements.