

J.T. Fitzwater, 79

June 11, 1920 – May 20, 2000

HARLAN – J.T. Fitzwater, son of Asa Lee and Mae Frances (Coy) Fitzwater, was born June 11, 1920, in Randolph. He was baptized and confirmed at the Randolph Presbyterian Church in Randolph. J.T. attended and graduated from Randolph Public School in Randolph. He enlisted into the United States Army Sept. 12, 1942, and was awarded a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, a Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and an Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged Dec. 7, 1945.

He married Marian G. Carlson Dec. 19, 1945, in Silver City. Three children were born to this union, James, Janet and Phillip. He owned the service station in Randolph, from 1946 to 1951. In 1952, he became the manager of Farm Service Co-op in Shenandoah, for 18 1/2 years. The couple moved to Harlan in 1972 and he was a Farmland Insurance representative until 1985. In 1985, J.T. retired, continuing to make his home in Harlan. He became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, May 18, 2000. He died May 20, 2000, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 79 years, 11 months and nine days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Faith and Ruth. Survivors include his wife, Marian of Harlan; his children, James Fitzwater of Omaha, NE; Janet (John) Hayes of Fremont, NE; Phillip Fitzwater of Oakland, CA; daughter-in-law, Vicki Fitzwater of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren, Scott Hayes (Jennifer) of Wisner, NE; Steve Hayes (Tab) of Fremont, NE; Roger Fitzwater and his fiancée, Amy, of Omaha; Lori (Carl) Hatcher of Omaha, NE; Ari Fitzwater of Oakland, CA; Misha Fitzwater of Oakland, CA; three great grandchildren, Jennifer and Morgaine Hatcher and Sawyer Hayes; two sisters, Ellen Phillips of Randolph and Mildred (Bill) Lundy of Knoxville; and other relatives.

Graveside services were conducted at the Randolph Cemetery in Randolph, May 27, 2000, with Rev. Ralph Peter officiating. A personalized obituary was delivered by Ari Fitzwater. Military rites were conducted by the William Job Gibson American Legion Post No. 128 of Sidney. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.