

John Gardner, Jr., 62

Jan. 25, 1930 — Jan. 7, 1993

CALIFORNIA — John Jacob Garden Jr., son of John and Mamie (Hollins) Gardner was born Jan. 25, 1930, at Co. Bluffs. He attended school in Co. Bluffs, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1948. In Jan. of 1949, he entered the U.S. Coast Guard, serving until Aug. of 1949. In Dec. of 1949, he then entered the U.S. Air Force, serving his country during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge in Nov. of 1951, he returned to Co. Bluffs, where he worked as an accountant for Red Ball Freight Co., United Parcel Service, and I-Go Van and Storage Company. He also worked with his brothers as a carpenter and carpet layer in Co. Bluffs and in Leavenworth, KS. In 1983, he moved to CA., where he worked as a carpenter. This was his home until the time of his death Jan. 7, 1993, at age 62 years, 11 months and 13 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Dewitt; a brother, Charles Gardner; a half-brother, Keith Gardner and a half-sister, Deborah Gardner. Surviving is his step-mother, Nolma Gardner of Co. Bluffs; and his daughters, Joy and Jill Gardner; his son, Randy Gardner of Kimballton; his daughter, Kelly (Darcy) Kalkas of Harlan; four grandchildren; five sisters, Mary Hall, Mamie Messinger and Gloria Larsen, all of Co. Bluffs; Edith Lacz of Omaha; and Janice Turner of Tennant; three brothers, Robert and James Gardner, both of Co. Bluffs and Ray Gardner of Hancock; six half-brothers, Edward, Kenneth, Joseph, Robert and Jerry Gardner, all of Co. Bluffs; and Steve Gardner of Persia; four half-sisters, Kathy Walter, Sherry Nelson, Bonnie Gardner, and Lois Gardner, all of Co. Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 12, 1993 at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Edward Kelly of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Leavenworth National cemetery in Leavenworth, KS., Jan. 13, 1993. Military rites were conducted by the National cemetery staff. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.