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Lawrence Gardner, 78

Aug. 16, 1927 - Sept. 30, 2005

JEFFERSON — Larry Gardner, the son of Albin and Pearl (Andrew) Gardner, was born Aug. 16, 1927, in Churdán. At a young age, Larry's parents moved to near Paton where he attended and graduated from the Paton High School in 1945. In January of 1946, Larry enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and served until October of 1947.

In 1948, Larry married DeLite Lind and to this union were born two children, Michael and Susan. The couple farmed near Jefferson and then near Beaver for five years. They moved to Grand Junction and Larry began driving cross country trucks. He left trucking for 10 years when he and DeLite operated Larry's Restaurant in Grand Junction. After their divorce, Larry moved to Avoca and returned to trucking. He retired in 1997 and in 2004 moved back to Jefferson. He became a resident of the Jefferson Manor in September of 2004. He died Sept. 30, 2005, at the Greene County Medical Center in Jefferson, at age 78 years, one month and 13 days.

Preceding Larry in death were his parents; one brother, Clyde; and three sisters, Lorada Custer, Zelpha Taylor and Marjorie in infancy. He is survived by a son, Michael (Nancy) of Johnston; a daughter, Susan Lansman (Willie) of Rippey; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Zatha Blair of Jefferson.

In accordance with his wishes, his remains were donated to science for study. Services and burial will be held at a later date.