

Gordon Knights, 80

May 25, 1928 - Aug. 9, 2008

HARLAN — Gordon Dale Knights was born on May 25, 1928, to Rolla and Sylvia (Brown) Knights in Fonda, IA. After his graduation from high school, Gordon enlisted in the United States Army and served during World War II with the Eighth Cavalry Regiment in Japan. After his honorable discharge from military service on October 27, 1947, he returned home.

Gordon was united in marriage to Lyro Ann Barnum on June 25, 1949. Five children were born to this union: Peggy, Gail, Rita, Bill, and Janae. Gordon served as the fire chief in Deloit and worked at Farmland Foods in Denison, IA for twenty-five years. He died on Saturday, August 9, 2008, having attained the age of eighty years, two months, and fifteen days.



Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, Rolla and Sylvia Knights, his son Bill Knights, and his brothers and sisters: Virgil Knights, Charles Knights, Ruth Knights, Roger Knights, Earl Knights, Richard Knights, Evelyn Trimble, and Doris Seger. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years Lyro Knights of Harlan, IA; his children: Peggy Knights of Tekamah, NE, Gail Knights and his wife Darla of Iowa Falls, IA, Rita Knights of Harlan, and Janae Myers of Harlan; five grandchildren: Jason, Shawn and Denny Knights and Bethany and Sara Pape; one great-grandchild Aiden Knights; his sisters: Fern and her husband Roland Swan of Albany, OR and Betty and her husband Gale Abrams of Monmouth, OR; and his brother Neal Knights and his wife Sharon of Owatonna, MN.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, IA with Larry Joe Purcell officiating the 10:00 AM service. Honorary casket bearers were Bethany Pape and Sara Pape. Serving as casket bearers were Gail Knights, Jason Knights, Shawn Knights, Denny Knights, Tim Pauley, and Richard McCoid. Interment was held at the Dow City Cemetery in Dow City, IA.

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