

Ray Lara, 72

June 30, 1932 - Jan. 3, 2005

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Ray J. Lara was born June 30, 1932, son of Eulalio and Luz (Torres) Lara, in Council Bluffs. He attended Abraham Lincoln High School graduating in 1951. He served his country by joining the U.S. Navy serving from 1951 - 1955 during the Korean War.

Ray married Ardythe Vinding Aug. 22, 1959. He was a machine operator for D&H Food Co. for 29 years retiring in 1987. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He died Jan. 3, 2005, at Alegent Health Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 72.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Rudy Lara. He is survived by his wife, Ardythe Lara of Council Bluffs; two daughters, Cynthia (Hilton) Carter of Carrollton, GA and Susan Lara of Council Bluffs; a granddaughter, Melissa Smith of Council Bluffs; sisters, Connie (Ben) Foster, Dona McMillan, Elvira (John) Beaman, Dolores Robinson and Carmen Cox, all of Council Bluffs; Emily (Larry) Jacobsen of Omaha; and Pauline (Jim) Johnson of San Antonio, TX; brothers, Leo (Dolly) Lara, Tom Lara and Paul Lara, all of Council Bluffs; Carlos (Anne) Lara of Sycamore, IL; and Al Lara of Seattle, WA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

No services were held. Inurnment will be held at Cuppy's Grove Cemetery, rural Harlan, at a later date. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.