

Jerold "Jerry" Mills, 68

May 10, 1939 - Aug. 25, 2007

MANILLA - Jerold "Jerry" Lee Mills, son of Carl and Bertha (Doty) Mills, was born May 10, 1939, at Storm Lake. He grew up in Alta, where he attended school. In 1957, Jerry enlisted in the military and served in the United States Air Force and Army in Korea and Vietnam. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Jerry lived in Texas, California, and Wyoming before settling in Manilla in 1985.

Jerry married Denise Hansen in Denison, and the couple made their home in Manilla. Jerry spent most of his career working for McClellan Electric. He also spent time working for IBP, Plastico and Venteicher Electric. After Jerry's retirement in 2001, he continued to stay busy working part-time. In September 2006, Jerry was diagnosed with cancer. He died Aug. 25, 2007 at Crawford County Memorial Hospital, in Denison, at age 68 years, three months and 15 days.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Elizabeth Mills, in infancy. He is survived by his wife, Denise Mills of Manilla; six children, Ricky Burchfield of Sherman, TX; Donna (Pete) Wilkerson of Abilene, TX; Heidi Hansen of Irwin; Matthew Hansen of Des Moines; Mike Mills and fiancée Tina Spencer of Manilla; and Holly Mills and fiancé Julio Galicia of Denison; nine grandchildren, Misty, Bridget, and Brandy Burchfield; Johnny, Charlene, and Harley Wilkerson; KaLee and Kambree Hansen; and Keilyn Vazquez; two brothers, Robert Mills (Delores) of Hemet, CA, and Richard Mills (Cathy) of Willard, MO; sister, Carol Jean MacLeod of Spencer; brother-in-law, Denny Hansen (Janette) of Manilla; nephews, nieces; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 2007, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla, with Pastor Lanette Plambeck officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery in Manilla, with military honors performed by American Legion Post 132. Honorary casket bearers were Gil Schoba, James Goeser, Chris Sands, Nick Rasmussen, Curt Bruhn, and Estabelle Denton. Casket bearers were Noel Wiebelhaus, Steve Fogelman, Dan Mengwasser, Aaron Dickson, Tom Hast, and Doug Hagemann.

