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James Ramsey, 85

May 29, 1916 – Aug. 14, 2001

AVOCA – James Albert Ramsey was born May 29, 1916, in Canadian, TX to James and Rosalie Mathews Ramsey. In 1924, his family moved by covered wagon to numerous locations to do cotton crop work and work on the railroad, returning to Canadian in 1930. The family lived in a tent during the depression, working at odd jobs and construction. Jim worked with ranchers until about the age of 18. Following graduation from Canadian High School, he worked at various jobs.

Jun 9, 1940, he married Frances Verkler in Canadian, TX. They were the parents of one daughter, Alice Louise. In June of 1943, Jim was inducted into the Army and after receiving pilot training, he was sent overseas, stationed in Italy and North Africa. He was discharged in December of 1945, as a corporal, with one bronze star, a good conduct medal, Victory Ribbon and three Overseas Bars. In 1946, he worked at various jobs while completing a course in seismology and then began working for the Mobile Oil Company in Kansas and Louisiana. He later returned to Canadian until his retirement and then moved to Clovis, NM. Shortly after his 80th birthday, he moved to Avoca to live with his daughter, Alice, and her husband, Ralph Klindt. He lived with them until suffering a stroke in February of 2000. Jim then became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center. He died at the Center Aug. 14, 2001, at age 85 years, three months and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Alice Marie, and his estranged wife, Frances. He is survived by his daughter, Alice Klindt (Ralph) of Avoca; a brother, Wilbert Ramsey (Hazel) of Kansas City, MO; three grandchildren, Timothy Klindt (Salvacion) of Iowa Falls; Nathan Klindt (Ruth) of Granby, CO; Tammy (George) Dauma Jr. of Eagle River, AK; two great grandsons and other relatives.

Graveside services were held Aug. 18, 2001, at the Cuppy's Grove Cemetery with Pastor Dave Erickson officiating with military graveside rites by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Casket bearers were Timothy Klindt, Ronnie Lee, James Klindt, Nathan Klindt, Jeff Lee and Jeremiah Ruffcorn. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.