

Ernest Rosenthal, 72

Dec. 9, 1936 - Jan. 17, 2009

SHELBY — Ernest Gene Rosenthal, son of Elmer and Hazel (Jackson) Rosenthal, was born December 9, 1936, in Onawa. He passed away January 17, 2009, after a short illness. He graduated from Mead, NE High school in 1954 and joined the U.S. Navy for three years.

In February 1958, Ernest was united in marriage to Mari L. Cady in Omaha, NE. Four children were born to this union: Victor, Scott, Christine, and Laura. He then joined the U.S. Coast Guard and retired in 1976. After a short stay in Michigan, he moved to Anchorage, AK where he worked for Northern Air Cargo as an aircraft welder for 17 years.

In 1990, Ernest married his present wife, Audrey, and gained stepsons, Carl and Robert, and stepdaughter, Cindy. In 1981 Ernest discovered he had four half-brothers, Bob, Kenneth, Bill, and Elmer Jr., and four half-sisters, Donna, Beverly, Debbie, and Carol.

In addition to his parents, Ernest was preceded in death by his son, Scott; stepfather, Bud Caruso; and grandson, Zachary and Robert. He is survived by his wife, Audrey of Shelby; mother-in-law, Margaret of Gering, NE; children, Victor Rosenthal of Birmingham, AL; Christine (Anthony) Phillips of Hanover, PA; and Laura (Scott) Croston of Canton, OH; stepsons, Carl of Warrenton, OR; Robert of Merced, CA; stepdaughter, Cindy of Hayward, CA; half-brothers, Bob and Elmer Jr. of Hamilton, MT; Bill of Naugatuck, CT; and Kenneth of Seattle, WA; half-sisters, Donna of Hawaii; Carol of Hamilton, MT; Beverly and Debbie of Bend, OR; cousin, Carol (Delmer) Von Eschen of Shelby; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

There will be no service as Ernest wished to be cremated and scattered in various places.

