

Gordon Ruckman, 66

April 2, 1938 - Feb. 11, 2005

PERSIA — Gordon G. Ruckman, son of George and Gracie Lucille (Vanderpool) Ruckman, was born April 2, 1938, in Treynor. He attended the Underwood High School graduating in 1957.

Gordon married Lois Peters Feb. 28, 1960. He was a farmer and a construction worker, working out of Local #571 Union Hall retiring in 2001. He was a member of the PIC board and served with the Persia Fire and Rescue Department. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital Feb. 11, 2005, at age 66.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, Jan. 29, 2005. He is survived by four daughters, Kimberly (Edward) Hall of Orange Park, FL; Kelly (Charles) Rich of Centerville, MA; Tracy (Sean) Smith of Thurman; and Jennifer Ruckman of Persia; one son, Jody (Janet) Reinig Ruckman; 11 grandchildren, Rachel and Jennifer Hall; Jeffery and Christina Pedrick; Douglas, Matthew and Jonathan Rich; Ethon and Emily Smith; and Megan and Natalie Ruckman; five sisters, Helen Percy, Sally (Clark) Christiansen, Sharon (Marion) Hansz and Dora Anthony, all of Council Bluffs; and Shirley (Dean) Piercy of Dalton, MO; four brothers, Clifford Ruckman of Boise, ID; Donald (Jean) Ruckman of Omaha, NE; Victor (JoAnn) Ruckman of Glenwood; and George (Betty) Ruckman of Compton, AR; and a half brother, Dale Ruckman of Rockford, IL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 16, 2005, at the Community of Christ Church in Persia, with Elder Kirk Parsons officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia. Culter-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.