

Laverne "Verne" Wilson, 78

Oct. 23, 1928 - Nov. 21, 2006

HARLAN — Laverne Kenneth Wilson, son of Grant Oliver and Harmina (Goldhorn) Wilson, was born Oct. 23, 1928, in Harlan. He was raised in Portsmouth and Harlan, and attended school in both towns.

May 27, 1947, Verne married Shirley C. Anderson in Mead, KS. From June 17, 1952 until Sept. 23, 1952, he served in the US Army and was stationed in Korea. After his discharge from the service, he worked as an auto mechanic in California for many years. In 1992, Verne and his family moved back to Harlan, where he worked for Roecker Ford. In later years, he repaired lawn equipment. He was an expert at fixing Model A Fords for area collectors. He died Nov. 21, 2006, at his home in rural Harlan, at age 78 years and 29 days.

Verne was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ray Wilson. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Shirley Wilson of rural Harlan; one son, Joe Wilson of rural Harlan; his mother, Harmina Wilson of Orange, CA; two brothers, Vic (Helen) Wilson of Spokane, WA, and Doug Wilson of Costa Mesa, CA; three sisters, Goldie (Larry) Vining of Spokane, WA, Donna (Herman) Watson of Hemet, CA, and Linda (Ed) Procter of Orange, CA; two grandsons, Josey Wilson of Glidden, and Daniel Wilson of Harlan; and other relatives. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.