



Gerald Jerry Smothers

October 24, 1929 - January 21, 2013

Gerald "Jerry" Smothers: Jerry passed away Monday morning at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa at the age of 83 years, 2 months, and 28 days.

Gerald Dean Smothers, son of Emil and Lena Grace Smith Smothers, was born October 24, 1929 in Linby, Iowa. Jerry's family moved to King City, Missouri when he was a child and it was there he attended high school. Following his education he worked as a farm hand for an uncle. Jerry spent nine years in the National Guard. He married Betty Lou Russell, May 5, 1959, in Princeton, MO. They eventually moved to Oskaloosa and he began his near 30 year career with Vermeer Manufacturing as a line assembler. He retired August 1, 1997. In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed woodworking, old cars, tinkering in his garage, playing cards and spending time with his grandchildren.

Jerry's family includes his children: Jerry (Debbie) Smothers of Phoenix, AZ and Leeann (Jeff) Parlet of Oskaloosa; six grandchildren, one great-grandson; a sister, Doris (Don) Hinkle of King City, MO; a brother, Ronnie (Dolores

"Dee") Smothers of Long Beach, CA; a close companion, Betty White of Oskaloosa; and four step-children and their spouses.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his step-father, Archie Campbell, his wife Betty Lou on September 25, 2004; a sister, Evelyn; and a brother, Arvin.

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