

Verdell Hess, 74

Feb. 11, 1932 - July 24, 2006

PAGE, AZ — Vernon Verdell Hess was born Feb. 11, 1932, to Herman and Blanche (Elsberry) Hess in Jacksonville. He attended Jackson #9 country school through eighth grade and later received his GED.

Verdell married Mary Ann Manders May 28, 1953, in Harlan. He then left for the Army in June 1953 during the Korean War. After the service, he delivered milk for Wells Blue Bunny, drove truck for Leistad Trucking in Elk Horn, along with farming and raising livestock. During his younger years, his family life was centered around farming, singing with his family and playing his guitar. He died July 24, 2006, at the Sonoran Rehab & Care Center in Phoenix, AZ after a battle with cancer at age 74.

Verdell is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Blanche (Elsberry) Hess, brothers, Dale, Gerald, Wayne & Lyle Hess; and sisters, June (Rihner) and Dorothy (Nielsen). He is survived by two daughters, Teresa (Kelley) Kennedy of Bloomington, IL and Linda (Bradley) Coulter of Le Mars; two sons, Scott Hess of Griswold and Jeffrey (Lori) Hess of Columbus, NE; five grandchildren, Brady Hess of St. Louis, MO; Tiarra (Jared) Osentowski of Lincoln, NE; Lanssa (Brent) Kommes of Sioux City; Chantel and fiancé, Kevin Stuart of Pomeroy; and Shane Hess of Columbus, NE; special friend, Alice Premeaux of Page, AZ, one brother, Kenneth (Rosemary) Hess of Audubon; one brother-in-law, Raymond Nielsen of Hamlin; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graveside memorial services will be held Aug. 19, 2006, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville