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Charles Pettit, 73

Dec. 12, 1930 - Jan. 8, 2004

LOGAN – Charles Dale Pettit was born Dec. 12, 1930, in Council Bluffs, to Emmitt and Minnie (Peters) Pettit. He moved to Logan, in 1933, and graduated from the Logan High School in 1949. After graduation, he went to the state of Washington and worked in the apple orchards. June 23, 1952, he enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Sept. 30, 1954, he married Danna Faye Henson in San Angelo, TX. The couple was blessed with two children. Due to Dale being in the service, the couple lived in various locations including San Angelo, TX, Japan and Goldsboro, NC. He served his country for 20 years and retired from the Air Force June 30, 1972. After his retirement, he farmed with his brother, Don, worked for the Wilson Holben Elevator in Logan, drove a road grader for Harrison County, drove a bus for Crusader Bus Lines and did carpentry work. He died Jan. 8, 2004, at his home in Logan, at age 73 years and 27 days.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Danna, Aug. 31, 2003; brothers, Leonard Pettit, Kenneth Pettit and Roger Pettit; and sisters, Norma Stoddard, Doyne Willard and Berniece Merchant. He is survived by his two children, Rodney Pettit (Dawn) of Logan and Cheryl (Bob) Smith of Woodbine; four grandsons; two great granddaughters; three brothers, Don Pettit (Carol) of Logan; Bob "Newt" Pettit of Onawa; and Ralph Pettit (Jean) of Phoenix, AZ; sister, Delores Myer of Logan; brother-in-law, Dwight Merchant of Yucaipa, CA; three sisters-in-law, Roseanne Pettit of Manchester; Pat Pettit of El Toro, CA; and Jeannette Pettit of Indio, CA; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Jan. 12, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Woodbine, with Rev. John Eilers officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Chuck Kersten, Gaylord Pitt, Jim Willard, John Lenz, Bob Willard and George Sears. Military rites were by the Logan VFW Post #6256. A graveside burial service was held Jan. 13, 2004, at the Harris Grove Cemetery, rural Logan.