

## **Curtis Wilbur Wilson, 78**

*June 18, 1921 - March 17, 2000* ✓

**OMAHA, NE** – Curtis "Red" Wilbur Wilson was born June 18, 1921, in Persia, to Hattie (Champlain) and William Wilson. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola. He attended school in Persia, graduating from Persia High School in 1939. Nov. 24, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a pilot in the South Pacific during World War II. While in the Navy, "Red" also studied at the University of Colorado at Boulder, CO. He was discharged Nov. 23, 1945.

July 12, 1949, Curtis married Loretta Schomer. One son, Robert, was born to this union. The couple made their home in Omaha where he was employed as a cattle buyer for the Omaha Stockyard. Following 47 years of cattle buying, Curtis retired in 1997. He was a member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church. He died March 17, 2000, at the Rose Vista Home in Woodbine, where he had been a resident since June of 1999, at age 78 years, eight months and 27 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Viola and Mary, and brothers, William, Jr., Harley, Bernard, Joe, LaVern (Ted), Dallas and Woodrow. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Wilson of Omaha, NE; son, Robert Wilson (Jan) of Omaha; grandchildren, Robert Kurtis Wilson, Jacob John Wilson, Nicole Marie Wilson and Wendy (Rhett) Shepherd; great grandchildren, Richard and Avery; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 20, 2000, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia, with Rev. Michael Peters celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery in Westphalia, with Jacob Wilson, Danny Kaufmann, Kurtis Wilson, Arnold Nelson, Gary Heuwinkel and Dallas Wilson casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.