



Darrell Simpson

May 16, 1926 - April 29, 2004

Darrell Dee Simpson was born on May 16, 1926 in Geddes, South Dakota to Fenton J. and E. Viola (Fox) Simpson. After graduating from high school, Darrell served his country during World War II when he was inducted into the Navy on August 1, 1944. He was honorably discharged on July 3, 1946 and returned to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Darrell was united in marriage with Dawn L. Wells in Sioux Falls on November 7, 1952. Together they moved to Sitka, Alaska and then relocated in Hewitt, Minnesota over 31 years ago. Darrell had earned his certificate in accounting after returning from service and worked in various positions and occupations throughout his life, finally retiring from the postal service. He was a member of the Rural Letter Carrier's Association and the American Legion and served his community as an active member of the Hewitt Lions Club. During his free time and since retiring, Darrell enjoyed reading and woodworking as well as such outdoor activities as hunting, gardening and going to flea markets. Darrell passed away on Thursday, April 29, 2004 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He was 77 years old. Darrell was preceded in death by his parents Fenton Simpson and Viola Simpson-Philp and his son Darrell Dee, Jr. He is survived by his wife Dawn; sons Wesley C. of Spokane, Washington, David B. of Longview, Washington and Steven L. of Palm Bay, Florida; daughters Vickie R. Straw of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Karen S. Schwantes and Kathy A. Walker of Hewitt; 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; brothers Dann L. of Colville, Washington and Burnell D. of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and

sister Ardyce C. Carlson of Mesquite, Texas. Funeral services were held at the United Methodist Church in Hewitt with Reverend Jacob Neufeld officiating. Military Honors were provided by William Larson American Legion Post 366 of Bertha and members of the Minnesota National Guard. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were members of the Hewitt Lions Club. Interment will be at a later date at the Hewitt Cemetery in Hewitt.