

William "Bill" Brower, 62

Oct. 9, 1941 - June 27, 2004

HARLAN – William "Bill" Nile Brower, the son of Nile and Helen (Jones) Brower, was born Oct. 9, 1941, at Boone. He moved with his family to Harlan, and attended Harlan Schools. He was a member of the graduating class of 1961.

Sept. 5, 1961, Bill married Marie Christiansen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Two children were born to this union, Tammy and Mark. Bill entered the United States Air Force July 26, 1961, at Omaha, NE. He was honorably discharged July 25, 1967, from Hamilton Air Force Base, CA. He and Marie were divorced in 1978, and Bill remained in the Harlan area. He worked for Stowe Redi-Mix and was also a truck driver for his father. He later operated the Paint Shoppe in Harlan. In 1996, he began his own janitorial service and construction company. He was active in Boy Scouts and collected Boy Scout merit badges. June 27, 2004, Bill died at the Veteran's Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 62 years, eight months and 18 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nile. Survivors include his children, Tammy (Ron) Less of Omaha, NE; Mark Brower of Harlan; his mother, Helen Brower of Harlan; his sisters, Colleen (Donald) Vest of Independence, MO; Val (John) Lagge of Brooten, MN; his fiancée, Janelle Kenkel of Harlan; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held July 1, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Donna Ewert officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Frank Rasmussen, Bill Jensen, Mark Rasmussen, Galen Plumb, Tony Sondag, Frank Sick, Ron West and Bill Campbell.

