

Grady Elder, 58

Jan. 23, 1949 - Aug. 21, 2007

LACYGNE, KS — Grady Franklyn Elder was born Jan. 23, 1949, in Salina, KS to Jean Elder Ethridge and Frank G. Elder. He attended Hedville and Humbarger Elementary, Salina Central High School and graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Art Education in 1971. He played football and wrestled while he earned his degree. He taught art and coached wrestling at Prairie View High School from 1972 until he retired in 2003. After his retirement, he remained busy as a real estate agent, licensed in Kansas and Missouri. He was a longtime member of the Kansas Bowhunter's Association and Whitetails Unlimited. He was a founder of "Kids In Need" a community fund.

Grady married Linda (Wicke) Elder Jan. 2, 1971. He died Aug. 21, 2007, at his home in LaCygne, KS, at age 58.

Grady was preceded in death by his father, Frank G. Elder. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two daughters, Erica Elder of Austin, TX and Frankie (Mike) Howard, and his grandson Ashton Howard of LaCygne, KS; sisters, Faye Clements (Marvin) of Hutchison, KS; Carol Doran (Rick) of Harlan; Lynne Anderson (Clayton) of Smolan, KS; and brothers, Bryan Elder (Pam) of Yukon, OK and Lyle Elder of Independence, KS; six nieces and 15 nephews, and other relatives.

A memorial party was held at the LaCygne Community Building Aug. 25, 2007. Coffel-Schneider Funeral Home, LaCygne, KS, in charge of arrangements.