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Ray King, 79

Jan. 6, 1931 - Jan. 11, 2010

DEFIANCE — Ray T. King, 79 of Denison, formerly of Grand Island, NE, died Monday, January 11, 2010 at Denison. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2010, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Grand Island with Bishop John Henderson officiating. Burial was in the Grand Island Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to service time at the church. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association.

Ray T. King was born January 6, 1931 at Atkinson, NE the son of Wilbur Henry and Sylvia (Francis) King. He received his education and grew to manhood in the Atkinson area where he was a ranch hand until the age of 21. He entered the United States Marine Corp in 1952 and received his discharge Private First Class in 1954. Mr. King served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He returned to Atkinson, NE where he was a ranch hand and also a truck driver.

Ray was united in marriage to Coralee (Barton) King, October 1954 in San Diego, CA. The couple made their home in California before moving to Nebraska in 1963. She preceded him in death in June 1994.

Ray later married Sheila (Vian) Schmeichel, January 1995 in Grand Island, NE. The couple made their home in Defiance. He was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, DAV and enjoyed spending time with family, telling stories and collecting books on antique tractors and trucks.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Coralee and one brother, Wayne. Survivors include his wife, Sheila King of Defiance, three daughters and son-in-law, Marsha and Randy Geist of Grand Island, NE, Justine King of Omaha, Robin King of Grand Island, NE, four sons, Andrew King of Fresno, CA, Gary King of McAllen, TX, Tim King of Fresno, CA, Blaine King of Philadelphia, PA, two stepdaughters, Linda Bentzen of Harlan, Beverly Cramm of Springfield, NE, many relatives, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



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