

John Von Tersch, 70

May 4, 1934 - Dec. 6, 2004

LAKEWOOD, CO — John Joseph Von Tersch, the son of Ernst Alexander and Theresa Von Tersch, was born May 4, 1934, in Persia. He grew up in Harlan and attended Harlan High School. After high school John joined the Navy.

Oct. 31, 1954, John married Georgene Crouch of Irwin. Following the Navy, John and Georgene made their home in Irwin. She worked at Crouch Elevator and owned Von's Standard until leaving Irwin in 1974 to pursue career opportunities in Colorado. From 1974 until his retirement in 1996, he worked for Shell Chemical Co. and Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant.

Oct. 31, 2004, John and Georgene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends in Lakewood, CO. John's greatest challenge was his battle with lung cancer. He died at his home in Lakewood, CO, Dec. 6, 2004, at age 70.

John was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter. He is survived by his wife, Georgene; son, Rod Von Tersch (Betty) of Littleton, CO; daughter, Shari Parker (Randy) of Lakewood, CO; grandchildren, Zachary Parker, Lakewood, CO and Tara Brewer (Jeb) of Littleton, CO; three great-grandchildren, Kyle, Kayla and Mason; his sister, Ethel Miles, Harlan; brother, Allen Von Tersch, Denver, CO; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Per John's wishes, no funeral services were held. Family and friends gathered at his son's home to celebrate his life Dec. 11, 2004.

