

## **Grant Addison Finley, 63** ✓

**Feb. 22, 1934 - July 19, 1997**

**THEODOSIA, MO** - Grant Addison Finley, son of Rex Arnold and Thelma (Grotemat) Finley, was born Feb. 22, 1934, in Nebraska City, NE. He was raised in Harlan, and attended Harlan Public Schools, and later, Kemper Military School in Boorville, MO. He graduated from Kemper Military School in 1952. Grant then attended Iowa State College in Ames, graduating in 1956 with a civil engineering degree.

June 17, 1956, he married Mary Molison in Grinnell. Grant served in the Army in Ft. Belvoir, VA, and attained the rank of First Lieutenant. After his discharge, he and Mary returned to Harlan, where he joined his father in operating Western Engineering Company. He later began a sand and gravel business, G.A. Finley, Inc. After his father's death in 1969, he took over the operation of Western Engineering Company. He retired in 1980, and the Finley family moved to Theodosia, MO, where he had developed a sub-division, Ozark Country Estates. He also pursued his second career, ranching, and breeding, training, and showing cutting horses. He was a member of the Theodosia United Methodist Church. He was an accomplished pilot, logging over 6,000 air-miles. His love for horses took him to competitions nation-wide, where he won many awards and was held in high esteem throughout the cutting horse industry. He also enjoyed all water activities, especially sailing. He died July 19, 1997, at the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital in Fort Worth, TX, at age 63 years, four months and 27 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife, Mary Finley of Theodosia, MO; two sons, Dennis (Carol) Finley of Fort Worth, TX and Alan Finley of Wasola, MO; two daughters, Diane (John) Power of Kansas City, MO and Beth (Kyle) Mills of Dallas, TX; one brother, Gary (Carol) Finley of Sun Lake, AZ, and three grandchildren, Grace Finley, Jensen Power and Brennan Power.

Funeral services were held July 22, 1997, at the Theodosia United Methodist Church in Theodosia, MO, with Pastor Jo Hastings and Rev. Walter Olsen officiating. Casket bearers were Dennis Finley, John Power, Kyle Mills, Alan Finley, Pat Pattison, Bill Lemons, John Swisher and Len Ahrnsbrak. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.