

Lester D. Fox, 63

Oct. 4, 1933 - April 2, 1997

TENNANT - Lester D. Fox, son of John W. and Mary A. (Brandenburg) Fox, was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Mondamin. He lived in the Logan area until the age of 14, when he moved to Harlan. He worked as a farmhand for Harlan-area farmers before joining the U.S. Army Dec. 14, 1954. He served stateside during the Korean Conflict and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves Dec. 13, 1956.

June 2, 1956, he married Joanna Sullivan in Eufaula, OK. After his discharge from active service duty, the couple returned to the Harlan area, where he once again worked as a farmhand. They moved to Tennant in 1983. In 1988, poor health forced his retirement from his farm work. He enjoyed horses and was active in the Shelby Saddle Club. He loved working on the land, enjoying both farming and gardening. He died April 2, 1997, at his Tennant home at age 63 years, five months and 29 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Kenneth and Harry. Survivors include his wife, Joanna Fox of Tennant; two sons, Charles Fox of St. Joseph, MO and Bobby (Marilyn) Fox of Harlan; one daughter, Pamela (Duane) McFadden of Germany; his stepmother, Nellie Fox of Mo. Valley; two sisters, May Axtell of Woodward and Betty (Kenneth) Osweiler of Mo. Valley; one half brother, Jerry Fox in Indiana; one half sister, Judy (Pete) Smalley of Green River, UT; one sister-in-law, Marjorie Fox of Loveland; six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 5, 1997, at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Ernest Ruehle of the Tennant Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Jim Porter, Larry Porter, Bill Fox, Henry Fox, Keith Tingwald and Dan Wegner. Burial was in the Cuppy's Grove Cemetery in rural Shelby County. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.