

## Gerald "Jiggs" McMahon, 87

*Oct. 6, 1919 - Sept. 21, 2007*

**MANILLA** — Gerald Vincent "Jiggs", son of Emmett and Christine (Peters) McMahon, was born Oct. 6, 1919, at Tracy, MN. He moved with his family to Manilla in 1930 and graduated from Manilla High School in 1937. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, serving in the Signal Corps as a teletype writer, and was honorably discharged in December of 1945.

Jiggs married Kathleen Ann "Kay" Finken June 6, 1944, at St. Paul's Church in Los Angeles, CA. They moved back to Manilla and were the parents of 10 children. Jiggs worked for Carl Mundt until 1947 when he started working for the Milwaukee Railroad as a bridge and building crew chief. He continued working for the railroad until his retirement in 1979. When Kay also retired, they spent their winters in Arizona. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Manilla and the Holy Name Society. After the death of his wife Kay Aug. 7, 1998, Jiggs remained in their home in Manilla even though his health was declining. He died at home Sept. 21, 2007, at age 87 years, 11 months, and 15 days.

Preceding Jiggs in death are his parents; wife; son, Gerard, in infancy; grandson, Sean McMahon; son-in-law, Don "Turk" Haynie; step-granddaughter, Jessica Haynie; and step-great-granddaughter, Drew Haynie; brother, James Russell McMahon; sisters, Bernice Mose, Marvel Tripp and Madonna Schwieso; brothers-in-law, Del Finken, Tom Finken, William Finken, Bob Tripp, Albert Schwieso, William Rooney and Merwin Mose; and sister-in-law, Patricia Knobbe. He is survived by nine children, Gary McMahon (Nancy) of Omaha; Pat McMahon (Shell) of Minden; Jim McMahon of Omaha; Tim McMahon (Judy) of Omaha; Mary (Jim) Heller of Manilla; Madonna "Dee" Haynie of Omaha; Ann (Gene) Katzer of Denison; Beth (Mike) Dickson of Manilla; Susan McMahon and close family friend, Kim Clausen of Bennington; 18 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Rooney of Sioux City; brother-in-law, Urban Knobbe (Jean) of Carroll; sisters-in-law, Patricia McMahon of Manilla and Rita Finken of Harlan; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 24, 2007, at the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp celebrating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were his grandsons remembered in love, Sean McMahon, Ryan McMahon, Jeff Heller, Jeremy Heller, Jason Smith, and Mike Katzer. Casket bearers were his grandsons, Chad McMahon, Matt Katzer, Aaron Dickson, Josh Haynie, Joe Heller, David Katzer, Justin Dickson, and Miah Haynie. Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla in charge of arrangements.