

## Herchel Wilber, 60

Feb. 12, 1947 - May 2, 2007

**AVOCA** — Herchel Keith Wilber, son of Dale and Aletha (Haines) Wilber, was born Feb. 12, 1947, in Council Bluffs. He attended elementary school in Carson and High School in Avoca graduating with the class of 1965. After graduation, Herchel went to work as a barber in Ute, for four years. In 1969, he became employed with the Department of Transportation.

Herchel married Ssang Ye "Amy" Petersen Nov. 13, 1980, in Avoca. After his marriage to Amy, he spent much time helping Amy with selling carpet and even installing carpet. He retired March 30, 2007, after 36 years with the DOT. He was a current member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. He died May 2, 2007, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs at age 60 years, three months and 17 days.

Herchel is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Beverly Wilber. Survivors include his wife, Ssang Ye "Amy" of Avoca; his children, Michelle (Steve) Smith of Kansas City, MO; Lisa Hart of Omaha, NE; Marcy (Leigh) Adelman of Phoenix, AZ; and Patrick Petersen of Avoca; 11 grandchildren with one on the way; his brother, Marshel Wilber (Yvonne) of Council Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 5, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Rev. Gail Muckey officiating. Honorary casket bearers were James Young, Mike Petersen, Randy Lund, Lonnie Clark, Barney Thomsen, David Teal, Gola Wilber and Kurt Reason. Casket bearers were Gary Young, Steve Smith, Robert Wilber, Jeremy Wilber, Shawn Havick, Allan Petersen, Leigh Adelman and Shawn Wilber. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery.