



## Donald DeWayne Fletcher

August 20, 1930 - August 14, 2007

Donald DeWayne Fletcher was born on August 20, 1930 in Irving, Kansas. He grew up on the family farm near Frankfort, Kansas where he attended grade school and graduated from Frankfort High School in 1948 before attending Kansas State University. As a young boy, Don was an avid sportsman enjoying football, basketball and baseball. He also was busy helping on the farm and as a newspaper boy. In 1954, Don enlisted in the United States Army, serving almost two years mostly over seas in Germany.

Don married Ruth Smith on April 7, 1962 and they raised their children Cheryl and Don in Waterloo, Elkhorn and Valley.

Don worked as a farm hand and for Bing Crosby Construction and after his hitch in the service, Don began an extended career with the Union Pacific Railroad. Don originally worked on a section gang and later was one the last men to serve as a crossing guard in the United States. Don followed Kansas State athletics and was active in the American Legion in Valley but his passion was baseball. He started the little league program in Valley and revived a dormant American Legion baseball team. He continued to support Legion baseball in any way that he could and he received many commendations for his years of service. Don loved to be with his family and attend the activities of his grandchildren.

Don passed away on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at the Lakeside Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 25 days. Don is survived by son and daughter-in-law Don and Kelly of Omaha; daughter Cheryl Acton of Waterloo, NE; seven grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law John Norman and Cleo of Elkhorn and Benjamin and Marilyn of Topeka, KS; sisters and brother-in-law Marjorie Lillibridge of Kansas City, MO and Ila and Orville Thomas of Blue Rapids, KS.

# Tribute Wall



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