



Lawrence Edward Gerlt

March 26, 1926 - October 19, 2008

Lawrence Edward “Larry” Gerlt was born March 26, 1926 in Reserve, Kansas to Emil and Alexandria (Walter) Gerlt. Larry grew up in Verdon, Nebraska where he attended school and graduated from Dawson High School in Dawson, Nebraska.

Larry served his country with the 398th Bomber Wing as a ball turret gunner on B-17 bombers in the 8th Army Air Corps during World War II. He was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corps in December 1946.

Larry married Phylurie Ellen “Dube” Hansen on June 21, 1945 in Falls City, Nebraska, and to this union, seven children were born; Terry, Randall, Larry, Cynthia, Pamela, Jennifer, and Chris. The family made their home in Falls City, NE, Holton, NE, and Valley, NE before moving to Leshara, Nebraska in 1975.

Larry worked as a millwright for various contractors through the Millwright Local #1463 for 51 years. He retired in 1988. Larry was a lifetime member of Yutan, Nebraska VFW Post #9844. Larry enjoyed hunting and fishing, flying, and pitching horseshoes. He did some work as a gunsmith, and was an accomplished carpenter, building three homes. Larry also loved playing his fiddle and banjo. Nothing made him happier than getting together with friends and playing bluegrass music. Larry’s family was the most important thing to

him, and he took great pride in raising his seven children, and spending time with his grandkids, great grandkids, and great great grandkids.

Larry passed away at his home in Leshara, Nebraska surrounded by his family on October 19, 2008 at the age of 82 years, 6 months, and 23 days. He is preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Alexandria, wife "Dube", brother Ralph, and granddaughter Lori Davis. Larry is survived by his seven children; daughters and sons-in-law; Terry and John Hochstetler of Prescott Valley, AZ, Cindy and Steve Barry of Omaha, Pam and Steve Christenson of Council Bluffs, IA, Jenny Schulz of Leshara, sons and daughters-in-law; Pastor Randall and Sue Gerlt of Temple, TX, Larry and Bonnie Gerlt of Ralston, NE, and Chris and Sally Gerlt of Fremont, NE, 18 Grandchildren, 16 Great Grandchildren, and 2 Great Great Grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Edward Gerlt*

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“ *Our team would like to send our condolences to our co-worker Randall Gerlt and the entire Gerlt family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.*

Very Respectfully,

*Jose Lujan
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