



Jerry Lee Griffeth

May 18, 1938 – December 9, 2012

Jerry Lee Griffeth, 74, of Lewellen and formerly of Aurora, Colo., died Sunday, December 9, 2012, at the Sutherland Care Center.

Jerry was born May 18, 1938 in Beatrice, Nebr., the son of Harold and Lucille (Otto) Griffeth. He received his early education in Beatrice, graduating from High School in 1956. He was baptized on April 17, 1949 and confirmed in his faith on February 17, 1963.

Jerry attended Fairbury Junior College and later attended Doane College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree. He then graduated from Colorado State University with a Master's Degree.

Jerry enlisted in the Marines and began his service on May 29, 1956. After discharge on April 11, 1958 in Camp Pendleton, Cal., he moved to Beatrice, NE.

On November 26, 1959 Jerry married Doretta Lee Koenig. The couple made their home in Aurora, Colo.

Jerry had a career in education for 31 years, serving as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Aurora Colorado Public Schools. He retired in 1993.

The couple moved to the Lake McConaughy area in 1995.

Jerry was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Big Springs. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping, and watching football games. He especially enjoyed going to the grandchildren's activities.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two brothers-in-law, and a nephew.

Survivors include his wife Doretta Griffeth of Lewellen, and his children Jeffrey Lee Griffeth of Littleton, Colo. and Cynthia Kay Pelegrin of Hartland, Wis., five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Memorial Services will be Saturday, December 15, at 2 p.m. in the Big Springs Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Trenton Christensen officiating. Memorials have been established to Zion Lutheran Church Building Fund and the Alzheimers Association.

The family chose cremation.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.