



Joseph Ragno

June 5, 1947 – December 27, 2012

Joseph Ragno, 65, of Ogallala, died Thursday, December 27, 2012 in Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

Joseph was born June 5, 1947 in Berwick, Penn., the son of Domenico and Margaret Malencore Ragno. Joe grew up in Berwick and graduated from Berwick Area Senior High School. He then attended college at Penn State University where he received a degree in Forestry. He later pursued studies in chemistry.

He was drafted into the Army, completed his obligation, and was honorably discharged, achieving the rank of Sergeant. Joe began work for Champion Valley Farms, a subsidiary of Campbell Soup in Lime Ridge, Penn.

In 1972 Joe married Jacki Hudson Baxter. They were together for over 30 years when Jacki passed away in 2008. They moved to Golden, Colo. in 1976 and Joe worked for Coors Brewery in Quality Control & Packaging Research and Development. After retiring in 2004 Joe moved to his dream property in Ogallala. He enjoyed the open space and his personal shooting range.

Joe was a member and past President of the Golden Lions Club. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. As a child he fished in the Susquehanna River. He was an avid hunter and especially liked his African safari trips.

Preceding him in death was his wife, his father, step-father Bill Crusan, and step-son Russell Baxter.

Survivors include his mother Margaret Crusan of Parker, Colo.; his son Joe Ragno of Golden, Colo.; two sisters: Kathy (Jim) Faulk of Niwot, Colo. and Christine (Roger) Jenkins of Parker, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.

