



Donald Lee Wilson

November 12, 1928 – May 9, 2012

Donald L. Wilson, 83, longtime Brule resident, died Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Donald Lee Wilson was born November 12, 1928 in David City, the son of Carl and Angeline (Sands) Wilson. He attended school in David City through the tenth grade. Donald graduated from Polk Nebr. High School in 1946. He then enlisted in the Navy in 1947 and served as a Fire Control Technician, First Class. Wilson was stationed in China, and served in the Japanese Occupation and in the Korean War. He was discharged from military duty in December 1958.

Donald married Dorothy D. Douglas in 1951. They had been married fifty-two years when Dorothy passed away in November 2003.

He was employed as an Engineering Laboratory Assistant at the Martin Missell Co. in Denver, Colo. In 1961 the Wilsons moved to Thornton, Colo. where Donald was the Assistant Fire Chief with the Fire Department.

He then filled a position of Chief Engineer for Holiday Inns in Colorado. Donald retired in 1985. The Wilsons moved to Brule in 1994. Donald served as a member of the Brule Fire Protection District Board.

His hobbies included fishing and gardening. He was a lifetime member of the VFW. Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife Dorothy, son Kevin D. Wilson and three sisters.

Survivors include his son Carl W. Wilson and wife Alana of Thornton, Colo; his daughter-in-law Kim Wilson of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren Jamie, Justin, and Kelly; seven great-grandchildren; and brother Lloyd Wilson of Kimball.

The family chose cremation. Graveside Memorial Services will be held Friday, June 22, at 1:30 p.m. in the Brule Cemetery with military honors by the Keith County Veterans Organization. Rev. Lauran Heidenreich of the United Church of Christ, Congregational will officiate. A memorial has been established to the Brule Fire Dept.

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

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.