

December 24, 2003

Gary Neal Zook

Dec. 24, 1943, to Dec. 15, 2003

Gary Neal Zook, 59, of Phoenix, Ariz., died peacefully after a three-year-long battle with cancer on Monday, Dec. 15, at the Hospice House in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1943, in Ames to Lee and Helen (Hill) Zook. He received his education in Nevada and Ontario, Calif. He was a member of the class of 1962. He served in the U.S. Navy. On July 24, 1982, he married Kathy (Kanold) Oxley in Phoenix, Ariz. He was a senior tooling engineer at Allied Signal in Phoenix. He attended the Northwest Community Church in Phoenix and belonged to the Truthseekers Bible Study Club Class. He enjoyed fiddling, fishing, woodworking, needlework, making crafts, his friends and family and especially spending time with his grandchildren. He looked forward to the class reunions in Nevada every year and attended as often as he could.

Survivors include his wife Kathleen Zook of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Chris (and Sherry) Zook of Gilbert, Ariz.; a daughter, Lynn Zook of Chandler, Arizona; three grandchildren; his parents, Lee and Helen Zook of Story City; a brother, Barry (and Debbie) Zook of Fontana, Calif.; three sisters, Diane (and Frank) McLaughlin of San Jose, Calif., Claudia Anderson of Moscow, Idaho, and Candy (and Bill) Fredericksen of Estherville.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, several uncles, aunts and a niece.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 22, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in McCallsburg with Associate in Ministry Carolyn Pfibsen officiating. Burial followed in the Warren Township Cemetery in McCallsburg. A memorial fund has been established. Arrangements were entrusted to Chet Ryan Mortuary in Nevada.