



William "Bill" Archer

February 5, 1936 - April 14, 2010

William "Bill" Archer Jr., age 74, of Schaller, Iowa, died April 14, 2010 at his home in Schaller. William Archer Jr., son of William and Anna (Madsen) Archer was born on February 5, 1936 in Sedgwick, Colorado. As a young child, his family moved several times until they made their home near Fonda, Iowa where Bill graduated from the Fonda Public High School in 1956. Following graduation, Bill entered into the United States Army where he was stationed in Southeast Asia. On May 5, 1970, Bill was united in marriage to Betty (Pewsey) Archer in Luverne, Minnesota. Together they raised seven children: Cathy, Doug, Dick, David, Gary, Steve and Ann. Bill throughout his life worked as many things. He was a bricklayer, carpenter, farmer and an escort driver until his health would no longer permit him to do so. Bill enjoyed fishing, golfing and woodworking. He treasured playing cards, especially pinochle, with family and friends. He loved being able to travel and enjoyed the open road. In his later years, Bill continued to enjoy the open road through being an escort driver for machinery transportation. Throughout Bill's life, he accrued many nicknames. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Betty Archer of Schaller, Iowa; his children: Cathy (Tim) Bloom of Lakeside, Iowa; Doug (Sue) Archer of Newell, Iowa; Dick (Rhonda) Archer of Bricelyn, Minnesota; David (Joy) Archer of Lakeside, Iowa; Gary Archer of Schaller, Iowa; Steve Archer of Ottawa, Illinois; Ann (Barry) Shumate of Dow City, Iowa; ten grandchildren: Cory Bloom; Shawn, Shannon and Shaina Archer; Ashley and Adam Archer; Graydon and Summer Archer; Carl and Travis Shumate; five great grandchildren; his brothers: John (Esther) Archer of Diboll, Texas; Lyle Archer of Council Bluffs, Iowa; his sisters: Jean (Ray) Garrett of Denver, Colorado; Joan Madsen of Schaller, Iowa; extended family and friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Evans "Pete" Archer; Bob Archer and Tom Archer.