



Obituary

Born: Friday, January 1, 1932

Died: Saturday, January 26, 2019

Thomas Fredrick Cruikshank, 87 of Nebr. City died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 26, 2019.

He was born on Jan. 1, 1932 in Nebr. City to George and Tressie (Woods) Cruikshank. Family was always important to him, and he will be remembered as a kind, funny and loving father and uncle.

He attended school in Nebr. City and graduated from the Nebr. City High School in 1949. He enlisted in the Navy and served from 1950-1954 during the Korean War and was on the Submarine USS Burrfish(SSR-312) and then on the Destroyer Minesweeper USS Ellyson(DMS-19). After the Navy, he worked for Contractors, Laborers, Teamsters and Engineers Local 1140 until his retirement doing construction on missile silos, landing strips at Offutt Air Force Base and powers plants in the tri-state area. Tom had a love of life with many interests and hobbies that included traveling, hunting, fishing, boating, joining in card groups and gardening. He always had a lifelong love of reading books on all subjects, and in his later years bird watching, taking his wife on car rides and garage sales, Friday night meals at the Lorton Lounge and piecing together jigsaw puzzles. He was a lifetime member of the Eagles, American Legion and V.F.W.

He married Barbara L. Mertes on Oct. 18, 1958 in Peru, NE and they celebrated over 60 years of marriage together.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of Nebr. City; children: Joseph McLaughlin and fiancé Nancy Peter of Phoenix, AZ, Devlynn Snyder and husband Phil of Lincoln, NE, Phillip Cruikshank and fiancé Deb Gillespie, Kathleen Cruikshank, Cristy Fox and husband Bud all of Nebr. City; siblings:

Tressie Ward and husband Raymond of Lexington, KY, Lois Christiano of Phoenix, AZ, Warren "Gus" Cruikshank of Nebr. City; a sister in law Donella Cruikshank of Brock, NE, numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant baby brother, brother Dean Cruikshank and granddaughters: Megan Cruikshank and Ellie Fox.

There is no visitation at this time as his wishes were for cremation with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for future designation.

Service Summary

Services will be held at a later date

Location: - *Not available* -