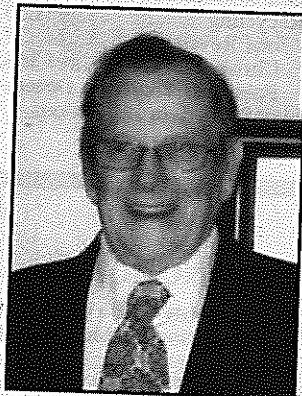


IVAN LEE SLESINSKI



Ivan Slesinski, 73, of What Cheer, died at his home on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer. Burial was in the Garrett Cemetery near Delta. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made to the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhomes.com.

Ivan Lee Slesinski was born April 6, 1941, in Highland Center, the son of Harry and Lois Mason Slesinski. He was a 1959 graduate of the Hedrick high school. Ivan was previously married to Jacquelyn Beall. To this union, three sons were born, Edward, Ivan Lee and Travis. He was later united in marriage to Connie Buckner on June 30, 1975, in Hampton. The couple eventually settled in What Cheer, where they owned and operated Ivan & Connie's Tavern for 12 years. Ivan then became a tractor-trailer operator and eventually co-owner of Ivan Trucking of What Cheer. He loved taking care of his garden and canning his own vegetables. Ivan always enjoyed talking with old friends and always looked forward to class reunions. He will be remembered as a humble man with a big heart.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Connie Slesinski; a sister, Joyce Wilson; and two great-grandchildren, Jezzaray Brown and Thomas Heath.

Ivan is survived by three sons, Edward (Kathy) Short of Rogers, Ark., Ivan Lee (Jennifer) Short of Deep River, Travis (Tiffany) Short of Birmingham, Ala.; three step sons, Tom Hurley of What Cheer, Donny Hurley of Italy and Edward Hurley of New York; a sister, Sandra Samson of Newton; and a brother, Gary (Jean) Slesinski of Rochester, Minn. Ivan also leaves behind 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

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