

Kenneth "Pee Wee" Ferns, 78

Kenneth "Pee Wee" Ferns, 78, of Barnes City, passed away Dec. 24, 2007 at the Veterans Hospital in Knoxville.

His graveside service was held Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. Military honors were performed by the James Murphy American Legion Post No. 319. Burial was at the Sixteen Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be planned at a later date.

Kenneth William Ferns was born April 29, 1929, in Mahaska County, the son of Ray Ferns and Zella Davis Ferns. Kenneth attended Sandridge country school near Barnes City. In March of 1952 he joined the United States Army. During his time in the military he served two tours in the Korean War as both an infantry man and a heavy equipment operator. After his honorable discharge in 1954, Kenneth began working for Mahaska County as a heavy equipment operator. He also worked at Amana refrigeration for 32 years before retiring.

He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing and trips to Wal-Mart. Kenneth had a multitude of friends that he truly loved

and enjoyed. Kenneth was a member of the Fuller/Sarvis American Legion, the VFW in Oskaloosa and the International Association of Machinists.

Kenneth's family includes son Dennis and family of Gibson; three daughters and their families, Margie Thomas of What Cheer, Diane Hall of Brooklyn and Connie Aller of Barnes City; and two sisters, Irene Larson of Alden and Donna Hoffman of Cedar Falls. Kenneth's special friends included Marvin Moore of Barnes City, Cleo Jones of Montezuma, John Moore of Malcom and his family at Fred's County Seat in Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Glen "Jake" Ferns; and a sister, Ruth Fleener.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Friends and family may sign the guest book, or condolences may be given at www.hardenfuneral-homes.com.

Harden Funeral Chapel of What Cheer was in charge of the arrangements.

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