Marion G. Van Dee, 72

Marion George Van Dee, 72, died of cancer at his home in Deep River on Saturday, June 5, 2004.

His funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in North English with the Rev. David Hitch officiating. Burial will be in the Armah Cemetery near North English. Visitation will be held at Powell Funeral Home in North English on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, from 5 to 8 p.m. with a wake service held at 7:30 p.m. Military rites will be held at the cemetery. Powell Funeral Home of North English is in charge of the arrangements.

Marion was born on Dec. 13, 1931, in Deep River, a son of Steven and Verla (Schultz) Van Dee. He grew up in Deep River and graduated from Deep River High School. On April 7, 1956, Marion married Betty Snook at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Marion owned and operated Van Dee Construction and Van Dee Reloading. Marion and Betty also ran the Chuckwagon Restaurant for many years. He enjoyed shooting and re-

pairing guns, reloading, hunting, building model airplanes, working the daily crossword puzzle, and spoiling his dog, Rambo. Marion served his country in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Morrison-Schrader American Legion Post 269.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of Deep River; seven children, Regina Van Dee of Deep River; Elizabeth (Michael) Roberts of Deep River; John (Brenda) Van Dee of Deep River; Rosemary (Ray) Cooper of Capitol Heights, Md.; J.D. (Gwen) Van Dee of Deep River; Angela (David) Armstrong of Deep River; Justin (Rebecca) Van Dee of Deep River; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers David Van Dee and Jerry Van Dee, both of Deep River; Jim Van Dee of Des Moines, and a sister, Iowa Ann Van Hamme, of Murphy, N.C. He is also survived by many family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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