

**McAlpine, Gerald E.**

Gerald Edward McAlpine, 70, of Tennessee passed away Jan. 19, 2009 after a long battle with cancer.

Gerald was born to Benjamin and Thelma Kathleen (Palmer) McAlpine on Aug. 21, 1938 in Grant Township. He attended Owendale Schools and later served in the United States Army. Gerald was a factory worker, ranch hand, leather crafter, carpenter, school bus driver for the Owendale Schools and many years as a semi truck driver. Gerry enjoyed life and truly liked the outdoors. He married Ruth Ann Knowlton on Feb. 15, 1958, having one daughter, Rochelle Lynne. He then married Donna Shirley McCool in 1965, lasting 32 years. He later married Betty Jean Womble on Oct. 2, 2005 in Tennessee.

Gerald was predeceased in death by his parents, Benjamin and Thelma; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty Lou and (Junior Andrew) Olsowy, Donna Marie and (Ferdiand Frederick) Schulz; two brothers, Harold Ben McAlpine and Bruce Wayne McAlpine; and sister-in-law, Sharon McAlpine.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Rochelle; son, Rick; stepsons, Robby (Sandy) Womble, Tony (Lou Ann) Womble, Kelly (Regina) Womble; brother, Robert Dale McAlpine; sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Ann (Jesse) Willerton; sister-in-law, Delores McAlpine; grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation with private service has taken place.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's choice.