

## **Zemanek, Lewis D.**

Lewis Dale Zemanek, 72, of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, died Monday, April 23, 2007, at his home. He was born February 14, 1935 in Morrill County, Nebraska to Dale William and Margaret (Gartman) Zemanek. He graduated from Minatare High School with the class of 1952 and also received his Future Farmers of America State Farmer Degree that same year. He married Janet Laree Lynch in 1954. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1956 with a bachelor of science degree in vo-ag education and later received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He taught one year in Curtis, Nebraska at the Nebraska State High School as a vo-ag teacher. He also taught vo-ag and chemistry for six years at Minatare High School as well as serving as the principal. From 1963 to 1988, he worked in the sugar industry as a chemist, factory manager, and as district manager for Great Western Sugar Company and Western Sugar. In 1979, he married Phyllis McCaffree Williams. In 1998, he served as plant manager of a dicalite operation in Lompoc, California. He later went to Sebewaing as factory manager for the Michigan Sugar Company. He became an insurance and investment advisor in 1996. Lewis was a member of the Mitchell United Methodist Church and was involved with 4-H, church activities, and NAIFA. In 1973, 1974 and again in 1977, the sugar factory, under his management, received the Great Western Pennant Award in Sterling, Colorado, and in 2007, he received the Nebraska NAIFA Distinguished Service Award. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; his mother, Margaret Zemanek, of Mitchell; children, Lynn Zemanek and her friend, Joe, of Sterling, Colorado, Cathy Good and her husband, Glen, of Oakley, Kansas, Bill Zemanek and his wife, Bobbie, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Robert Zemanek, of Hillsboro, Oregon; stepchildren, Glen Williams and his wife, Kris, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Paul Williams and his friend, Betsy, of Laughlin, Nevada, Christine Clare and her husband, R.D., of Loma, Colorado, and Catherine Jensen and her husband, Jim, of Omaha, Nebraska; 15 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Dale W. Zemanek; and his brother, Glen M. Zemanek. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the Monument Bible Church in Scottsbluff, Nebraska with Pastors D. Jake Roberts and Sheila Taylor officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Jolliffe Funeral Home with the family being present from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Oakley FFA Scholarship (Oakley, Kansas) the Bayshore Church Camp in Sebewaing, and to the Mitchell, Nebraska United Methodist Church. His obituary may be viewed online at [www.jolliffefuneralhome.com](http://www.jolliffefuneralhome.com) where online condolences may be left for the family.