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Green Valley, AZ

Robert "Jug" Joice, 77 of Green Valley, AZ formerly of Atchison, KS passed away Sunday, May 6, 2012 peacefully at his home after a long courageous battle with cancer. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home. A private family burial of the cremains will be Wednesday June 6, 2012 at Sunset Memory Gardens, Atchison. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Judes or charity of donor's choice which can be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Robert K. Joice was born on June 5, 1934 in Atchison, KS the son of George and Ruth (Frommer) Joice. He graduated from Atchison High School before joining the Navy in 1952 and served until 1956. He worked as an Electrician the next 40 years for Gerber Electric, Atchison, KS; Schultz Electric, St. Joseph, MO; Lincoln Grain Elevators, Atchison, KS; R/S Electric, St. Joseph, MO retiring in 1996. He was a member of Local Union #545, St. Joseph, MO for 55 years and American Legion Post #6, Atchison, KS. He enjoyed raising cattle, traveling, golfing at Bellevue Country Club, spending time at the Casinos, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren which he was proud of all.

Robert is survived by his wife of 57 years, JoAnn (Moeck) Joice of Green Valley, AZ. Additional survivors include three sons, Steve (Cheryl) Joice, Ovilla, TX; David Joice, Basheor, KS; Doug (Staci) Joice, Lancaster, KS and two daughters Karen (Jeremy) Beckett, Effingham, KS and Jennifer Reams, Effingham, KS; Seventeen Grandchildren and several Great Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister. Robert was blessed with a great family and many, many friends