

Mayetta, KS



Gerald Francis “Puknina” Lewis, 79, of Mayetta, KS passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at Osage City Nursing Care Home. He was born July 21, 1937 in Mayetta, KS the son of Frank and Martha (McKinney) Lewis.

Jerry graduated from Manhattan High School. He worked for A-1 Auto Parts in Manhattan for 19 years and for Santa Fe Railroad for over 20 years as a track welder.

Jerry was a member of Native American Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He was an avid stock car racer, known as “Ugh”.

He married Vernona “Vernie” L. Knoxsah on March 15, 1972 in Ogden, KS. She survives of the home. Other survivors include his children, Sherry Lewis of Topeka, KS, Sharlene Lopez of Topeka, KS, Terry Hernandez (Raphael) of Minco, OK, Anna Mahkuk of Topeka, KS, Linda Mahkuk (Travis Egbert) of Belleview, KS, Rebecca DeVore of Topeka, KS, Robert Lewis of Mayetta, KS and Melvin Lewis (Tiffany) of Robinson, KS; 2 sisters, Delphine Knoxsah of Topeka, KS and Gale Aitkens of Horton, KS; 4 brothers, Jeff Lewis of Virginia, Roger Lewis of Mayetta, KS, Lyman Shipshee of Mayetta, KS and Kevin Aitkens of Mayetta, KS; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his son, Tony Mahkuk in 2004 and 2 brothers, Joe Lewis and Melvin Lewis.

Native American Services will be Thursday evening, June 1, 2017 at Gerald Lewis’ home on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be at sun-up Friday morning, June 2, 2017 in the Danceground Cemetery. Jerry will lie in state at the Mercer Funeral Home beginning Wednesday afternoon until 3:00 p.m. Thursday. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.