



Max Garska

August 9, 1927 – January 2, 2013



Max Garska, 85, longtime Ogallala resident, died Wednesday, January 2, 2013, in Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte.

Max was born August 9, 1927 in Kenesaw, Nebr., the son of Louis and Gertrude (Dry) Garska. He attended school in Grinton and graduated from high school in 1946. During his high school years he met his future wife.

On January 12, 1948 Max married Jackie Fosbinder in Grant. They lived in the old Grinton bank building while managing the Grinton Gas Station. Their next home was located on an acreage between Madrid and Elsie where they raised chickens and cattle. For a short time, Max farmed southeast of Elsie with Wilber Kuening.

Max was drafted into the Army on January 29, 1952. He served one year in the States and served one year in Germany. After his honorable discharge in January 1954, he was employed at Goodall Electric in Ogallala. He later transferred to TRW and then continued his career with American Shuzuki. He retired in the early 1990's.

He was an outstanding basketball player in high school and also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his lifelong friend Dick Sherich.

Preceding him in death were his parents, step-father Harry J. Spencer, and his three brothers, Norman, Howard and Kenneth Garska.

Survivors include his wife Genevieve "Jackie" Garska of Ogallala; two daughters: Kathleen and husband David Rollstin of Loveland, Colo. and Debbie Garska of Longmont, Colo.

Sister-in-law Janie Garska of Ogallala. Five granddaughters Karrie Knapp, Katie Knapp and Jessie Rollstin, all of Loveland, Colo.; Arian Campbell of Boulder, Colo.; Amber (Bobby) Alvarado of Lafayette, Colo. One step-grandson Cameron (Kathy) Knapp of Ft. Collins, Colo. Eight great-grandchildren: Destiny and Hailey Pritchard, Sierra Martinez, Kasmira, Analeese and Johnny Alvarado; and Lindsey and Sydney Knapp.

Visitation will be Monday, January 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be Tuesday, January 8, at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Chuck Rager officiating.

Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery with military honors by the Keith County Veterans Organization.

A memorial has been established in his name to Fresenius Medical Care (Dialysis Center), 785 East Francis Street, North Platte, NE. 69101.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.