

Falls City, NE

Tommy Gene White, 88, of Falls City, NE, passed away January 25, 2020 at Falls City. He was born May 28, 1931 at Bushnell, NE to Thomas and Zepha (Fouraker) White.

He married Verna Mae Cawley on May 29, 1955 at Falls City, NE

Tom enlisted in the United States Navy on May 17, 1950 at Kansas City, MO. He served on the USS Princeton. He earned a Japanese Occupation Medal, United Nations Medal, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged on February 26, 1954 at Seattle, WA.

Tom was raised in Salem and graduated Salem High School in 1948. Following school he worked as a bell hop for The Stephenson Hotel. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Upon his discharge he returned to the area worked for Philips 66 as a gas station attendant. He then attended Ag School on the G. I. Bill at Shubert and started farming with his father. He farmed and had a dairy, eventually working part time for the Nemaha NRD and then became full time with the soil conservation service, retiring after 15 plus years. He was also a part time carpenter.

He enjoyed fishing and caught a 40 pound Rock Bass. He also liked camping, country and blue grass music, taking his grandkids on rabbit patrol, trees and planting trees, winning the 1994 outstanding tree planter award. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, past president and honorary member of Falls City Rotary Club, Nebraska Nut Growers Association and a 2 term NRD board Member.

Tom is survived by his wife, Verna of Falls City, children, William Thomas and his wife Tracy of Jefferson City, MO, Cheryl White Gibson of Farmville, VA, Robert Edward of Omaha, NE, twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Charles, grandson, Peter Joseph White, great-granddaughter, Jocelyn Marie White and a brother-in-law, Leonard Crawley.

The body of Mr. White has been cremated and a memorial service will be held on April 25, 2020 at 1:00 PM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church with Pastor Mike Hader officiating. Military honors by Falls City Ceremonial Honor Guard.