

# Jerome J Rathman

Jerome J. Rathman, 75, of Wood River died Friday, May 2, 2008, at home after a lengthy illness with cancer.

Services will be at 2 P.M. Tuesday at Abundant Life Christian Center in Grand Island. The Rev. Tim Rust will officiate. Burial will be in Wood River Cemetery, with military honors by Wood River American Legion Post 314.

Mr. Rathman was born March 8, 1933, at Alda to Herman and Mamie (Seier) Rathman.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Paige.

Survivors of the immediate family include his wife, Janice; a daughter and son-in-law, Kenda and Dave Chamberlin of Hastings; a son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Lisa Rathman of Wood River; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Eunetta and Ben Schoneberg of Grand Island and Emogene Veeder of Cairo; and three brothers and sister-in-law, Merlin and Maxine Rathman and Delbert and Jan Rathman, all of Wood River and Elton and Vera Rathman of Grand Island.

Other survivors include grandchildren, Adam Rathman, Meagan Rathman, Joshua Chamberlin and Taylor Chamberlin.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister, LaVonne.

Jerome was raised on a farm south of Wood River and attended District School 63, and graduated from Wood River High School in 1951. He entered the U.S. Army in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1953.

He was united in marriage to Janice Peirce on Nov. 22, 1956, at Wood River. They farmed near Wood River, and Jerome also worked for Federal Crop Insurance as an area claim specialist, from which he retired. He continued working as an insurance adjuster.

He was a member of Abundant Life Christian Center and the Wood River American Legion. He enjoyed golfing in the senior tournaments and with family, and fishing with family and friends.