

## James D. Blair, 72

James D. Blair, 72, Weslaco, Texas, and formerly of Groton, died June 24, 2000 at Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco, Texas.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, Thursday, July 13, 2000, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. The service will be under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

James D. was born July 9, 1927 to William and Calvaretta (Thomas) Blair, Webster. He was raised in the Groton area and attended school in Groton. Following school, he farmed with his family in the Groton/Andover area. He enlisted in the US Army and served during the years of 1955-56. After his discharge, he returned home.

He married Edna Sams Lawson, July 31, 1964 in Webster. Following his retirement, due to ill health, in 1980, the couple moved to Weslaco, Texas, where they have resided since.

He enjoyed fishing, farming and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Weslaco, Texas; three stepsons, Meredith (Debra) Lawson, Earl Lawson and Ronald Lawson, all of Rapid City; one brother, John (Adeline) Blair, Andover, and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant sister.