

LAWRENCE STEEN

ULYSSES – Lawrence Steen, 86, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital in Ulysses.

He was born Oct. 29, 1923, to John and Kate (Eskew) Steen in Elkhart.

He married Patricia Getty July 19, 1959, in Downs. She survives.

He graduated from Grant County Rural School.

He served in the U.S. Navy during 1943-1946. He survived the sinking of the USS St. Lo Carrier, on Oct. 25, 1944, in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. He worked for George Walters, Vic Barbo and retired from Mesa Petroleum as a gas dispatcher.

He enjoyed all sports, but especially baseball. He coached little league baseball and was a Detroit Tigers fan. He was a carpenter.

Other survivors include two sisters, Arline Isley, Ulysses, and Doris Roberts, Fairview, Okla.; and 18 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

o Memorial graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Ulysses Cemetery in Ulysses with the Rev. Wayne Flanders officiating.

Military graveside rites will be conducted by Dexter D. Harbour American Legion Post No. 79.

Memorials are suggested to the Grant County Senior Center or donor's choice both in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 405 W. Grant Ave., Ulysses, KS 67880.