



Donald Sam Gerrish

January 8, 1928 - February 16, 2011

Age 83, of Glendale, AZ, formerly of Gardner, IL, passed away February 16, 2011 at Hospice of Arizona in Scottsdale. Born January 8, 1928 in Gardner to the late Worthy and Bertha (Cole) Gerrish. Married Lorraine Monferdini on May 26, 1950 in Morris, IL. Sam owned and operated Gardner Drywall Service and Tack Repair in Phoenix, AZ. He was a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Eagles Club #3871 in Glendale, AZ. He was a cowboy. He enjoyed the rodeo, hunting & fishing and visits from family and friends, especially his great grandchildren. Surviving were one daughter-in-law, Mary Kaye Gerrish; two grandchildren, Tadd Gerrish and Tara (Jason) Brooks, all of South Wilmington, IL; three great-grandchildren, Wyatt Brooks, Tess Brooks, and Carlie Brooks; two sisters-in-law, Mary Ann (Tig) Reeder of Gardner and Eleanor Gerrish of Dwight; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were two wives, Lorraine Monferdini and Eleanor Louise Gerrish; two sons, Joseph Gerrish (1987) and Rodney Gerrish (2009); three brothers, Arden Gerrish, Russel Gerrish, and Charles Gerrish; and two sisters, Fern Riccolo and Vivian Rieck. Sam's body was donated to Research for Life in Chandler, AZ where cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service was at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., South Wilmington Chapel, Saturday, June 25, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Inurnment followed at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville, IL.

Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL