



Joseph Cheeseman

February 26, 1931 - June 9, 2013

The funeral service for Joseph Cheeseman, age 82, of Douglas, will be at 10:00 AM Thursday, June 13, 2013 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Covington, with Rev. Christopher Griffith officiating. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, with arrangements by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home. Joseph was born to Charles and Lena (Cozad) Cheeseman on February 26, 1931, in London, Ohio, and passed away Sunday, June 9, 2013, at his home in Douglas. Joseph grew up in Ohio. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from October 1952 until October 1954. On September 3, 1955, he married Lettie Waldrop. Their early married years were spent dairy farming. Joseph went to welding school, and advanced his education to become a welding instructor. His welding career included instructing at University of Alaska in Anchorage, being a welding engineer on the Alaskan pipeline, and traveling to Saudi Arabia and Columbia, South America. He worked for Williams Bros. Engineering in Tulsa, traveling throughout the Southwest and Mid-west. In 1993 he retired from British Petroleum, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and returned to his home state of Ohio, where he farmed for 15 years, retired again, and moved to Oklahoma. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the VFW Covington Post. Joseph is survived by his wife Lettie of the home; five children, Vicki Purk (David), Fletcher, Ohio, Michael Cheeseman (Tammy), Emporia, Kansas, Connie Finnigan (Dan), Olympia, Washington, John Cheeseman, Soldotna, Alaska, Paula Harak (David), Marshall; twelve grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; five brothers,

Eldon, Ronald, Donald, John and Sheldon Cheeseman; and one sister Anna Mae Mitch. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one brother, and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.