

Sgt. 1st Class (Retired) George William DeWolf

Graveside service for George William DeWolf, 81, Lawton, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, with Paul Ebisch officiating.

Mr. DeWolf died Monday, May 13, 2013, in a local nursing home with family members at his side.

He was born Feb. 24, 1932, in North Platte, Neb., to Albert Charles and Karrie Marie Whittaker DeWolf. He grew up with his family in Nebraska attending the local schools. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 and had an illustrious career that covered a 31-year span. He first served 10 years in the Nebraska National Guard, then entered active duty that lasted for 21 years, serving in the corps of engineers. He had one tour of combat in Vietnam and had several other overseas assignments including Germany and Greenland. He also had several stateside assignments including Fort Sill. During his military career, he was awarded the following awards: Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal Sixth Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Two Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Two Overseas Service Bars, Expert Badge in rifle.

He met Ethel Lucille "Cookie" Foster in 1952 in North Platte, and was married a year later. Cookie died in 1991. He attended The Great Plains Technology Center to enhance his trade fields and soon took a position at Fort Sill in the Public Works Department as an inspector. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing cards and very few could beat him at cribbage. He also loved country and western music, and had met many country artists.

He was preceded in death by wife, Ethel Lucille DeWolf; both parents, Albert Charles and Karrie Whittaker; brother, Arthur DeWolf; and two sisters: Alberta Griffin and Barbara Yonker.

He is survived by his son, Preston DeWolf and wife Kay, of Lawton; two daughters: Patty DeWolf, of Georgetown, Texas; and Billie Jo Johnson and husband Robert Lee, of Lawton; five grandchildren: Jason Johnson, of Lawton; Steven Clark and wife Dana, of Liberty Hill, Texas; Brian Paul and wife Clarice, of Pflugerville, Texas; and Jarrod DeWolf and wife Lindsey, and Cody DeWolf, all of Lawton; four great-grandchildren: Hannah Clark, of Liberty Hill, Texas; Charli DeWolf, and Paisley DeWolf, both of Lawton; and Luke Paul, of Pflugerville, Texas; one extended granddaughter, Kaylee Childress, of Lawton; two brothers: Donnie DeWolf and wife Carol, and Charles DeWolf and wife Frances, all of North Platte; and one sister, Donna Hernadez and husband, Richard, of North Platte; he also had many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.