

Gerald Smith Wardell, 67, of Yellville, passed away at Cox Medical Center in Springfield, Mo.

He was born June 5, 1934, in Peoa, Utah to William Smith and Wilma Ruth (Filmore) Wardell.

He was a resident of Marion County for the past three years and had previously lived in Wyoming. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and enjoyed the outdoors while hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed horses and a master gardener in the Marion County Master Gardeners Club.

He served in the US Navy from 1951-1970, during both the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War. He retired from the military in 1970 with the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. He then worked as a mechanic and a warehouseman for FMC Green River Mine in Green River, Wyoming.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy J. (Wingate) Wardell of the home, whom he married on March 17, 1954; four sons, William Smith Wardell and wife Renee of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Jon Howard Wardell and his wife Cindy of McKinney, Texas, Timothy Gerald Wardell and wife Donna of Green River, Wyoming, Robert Thomas Wardell of San Diego, Ca.; one daughter, Rosalie Carol Kolan and husband Dale of Fort Bridger, Wyoming, one brother, Weldon N. Wardell and wife Julie of Salt Lake city, Utah: one sister, ReNae Fletcher and husband Robert of South Jordan, Ut., and Nine grandchildren, Mike Chris, Steve Wardell; Preston, Tony, Amy Kay, Samie, Cody Kolan and Brittany Wardell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Joseph LeRoy Wardell. Burial was at George's Creek Cemetery in Yellville. Pallbearers were the deceased's sons and grandsons.

Gerald's organs were donated to Mid-America Transplant services who shared the outcome of his precious gift with the family. His liver has been transplanted into a 56-year-old man who is doing very well. His breathing tube has been removed and he continues to get better each day. His bone was recovered and will help as many as fifty others. Also, the Missouri Lions Club did recover his eyes for research and possible corneal transplants.