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Junior Udean Guthrie Junior Udean Guthrie was born October 26, 1930 in Wayne County, Iowa to Reed and Bertha (Husted) Guthrie.

He grew up in the Promise City area attending Hickory Ridge Country School through the 8th grade. Junior was drafted into the Army on October 2, 1951 serving in the Korean War in the 87th Infantry Company C. He earned two bronze stars and the rank of Corporal before being honorably discharged in September 1953.

He married Leta Jane Dyer on March 6, 1952. They were blessed with one son, Ronnie Neal born February 27, 1955. Junior had many jobs as a kid. On his birthday in 1953, after serving in the military, he started working for Lawrence Fry at Voltmaster Batteries.

He spent 42 years at Voltmaster serving as overall plant supervisor for many years. He retired September 29, 1995. Junior loved animals and wildlife. He enjoyed farming, raising cattle, gardening, putting up hay with Ronnie, teaching Brad to drive the Farmall, going for drives to look for coyotes, playing cards, sitting on the front porch and waving at passers by, watching trains go by, ball games across the street, but his greatest love was coyote hunting!

He mentored many young hunters taking them under his wing and sharing his passion for the sport and he always made sure to share candy with any kids hunting with him. Trent and Blake Moore were always among his favorites and they teased each other constantly. His passion (and dogs) passed on to his grandson, Brad.

He loved to visit and have company. He will be greatly missed by many, many friends and family. Junior was preceded in death by his parents, step-father John Head, brother Donald Guthrie, sister Verla Henderson and nephew Randy Roberts.

He is survived by his wife, Leta, of 59 years, son Ronnie and wife Cheryl, grandson Brad and wife Kerri, step-grandsons Brian Sloan and wife Angie, and Chad Sloan, and great grandchildren R. B.



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Sloan, Chelsea Sloan, Rylee Mart, Karley Mart and Natalie Mart.

Other survivors include his sisters Lela Stout of Council Bluffs and Joyce Sweeney of Jonesboro, Tennessee, step-sisters Johnita Dresser and husband Charles of Corydon and Louise Long and husband Ronald of Fairfield and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Memorials in Junior's memory may be given to the Corydon Assembly of God Church.

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:15 PM



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October 13 at 3:28 PM



Jack & Sue Guthrie - Andalusia , II - Nephew And Neice posted:

Uncle Junior will always be remembered for his hunting stories and his life as a child growing up with my father Don. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Leta, Ronnie, Cheryl & Brad. Love Jack & Sue

August 10 at 7:00 PM



Cy, Stacey And Shannon Miller - Great Neice posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Juniors passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May all of you find peace in this time of need.

August 10 at 7:00 PM



Pauline Jellison - Friend posted:

When Junior worked at Voltmaster, he helped so many people when they didn't understand how to do a job that they were given to do such as myself. I was given jobs like testing for lead and other tests and I was not sure how to do them but Junior showed me how to do the testing other wise I would not have known how to do them. Course we all called him Guthrie and not Junior. He had been there so many years and knew how to do all of things that needed to be done. Not many people stay at a job like he did at Voltmaster and was always there to teach workers how to do what they had to do. We were all very lucky to have had him there. He will be greatly missed.

August 9 at 7:00 PM



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