Erwin W. Gillette
May 14, 1934 - May 1, 2010

Boonville
Erwin W. Gillette, 75, of Post Street passed away on May 1, 2010 at Sunset Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a brief illness.

He was born in Port Leyden on May 14, 1934 a son of Hugh and Susie Webster Gillette and graduated from Constableville Schools. Erwin entered the US Army on June 22, 1954 and was discharged on June 21, 1957. During his time in the military he married Joyce Longway on April 26, 1957 which later ended in divorce. Erwin worked for General Electric in the Drafting Department for 11 years and also worked as a Carpenter for Clarence Payne of Boonville for several years. He moved to W. Virginia where he worked with Mickey Golden as a carpenter until retiring in 1996. In 1997 Erwin moved back to his home on Post Street. Erwin was a member of the American Legion of Boonville and loved to grow vegetable gardens and give the produce to friends and neighbors. The family would like to thank Sunset Nursing Home for their exceptional level of care for the past several weeks.

Surviving are one son Shawn Gillette, Rome; two daughters and sons-in-law Eileen and Seth Wilbert, Boonville; Faith and Mathew Durden, Williamsville, NY; one sister and brother-in-law Alma and Bob Freeman, Port Leyden; seven grandchildren Rashaw, Kendra, Shayla, Rayna Durden; Kayla, Casey, and Kendell Wilbert; two nieces Sally and Jerry Godfrey; Susan and Bill Obrien. Five aunts Laura Mekkelson, Port Leyden; Eileen Zeman, Ohio; Mrs. Joyce (James) Lee, Turin; Betty Gillette, Chittenango; Evelyn Webster, Port Leyden.

A graveside service will be held at Constableville Rural Cemetery at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to Sunset Nursing Home Patient Activities Fund 232 Academy Street, Boonville, NY 13309. Expressions of sympathy can be made on Erwin's online memorial page by going to www.millsfuneralhomes.com