

Gary E. Rariden, 53, of McPherson, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2009 suddenly at Memorial Hospital in McPherson, Kansas.

Gary was born in McPherson, Kansas on November 13, 1956, the son of Mont Elroy and Hazel W. (Robinson) Rariden - Montgomery.

Gary attended the McPherson grade schools, McPherson Junior High School, and graduated from McPherson High School in 1975.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in McPherson, Kansas. He had been attending the First United Methodist Church in Abilene, Kansas for the past several years.

He worked as a park maintenance employee for the City of McPherson Park Department McPherson, Kansas. He had also worked at the rabbit barn during the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Kansas for the past five years.

Gary was a member of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Kansas State Rabbit Breeders Association, National Mini Rex Club, Salt City Rabbit Breeders Association, and the Wheatland Mini Rex Club; he was a 4-H leader for over 20 years at various locations in Kansas.

Gary was united in marriage to Kathryn L. Cook on March 11, 1978 at McPherson, Kansas.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Rariden, McPherson, Kansas; his daughter, Jennifer Dobbs and husband, Michael, of Abilene, Kansas; his son, Michael Rariden of Sea Side Heights, New Jersey; three grandchildren, Christian and Emilee Delgado and Ellen Dobbs all of Abilene, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel W. and Mont Elroy Rariden; his step-father, Glen Earl Montgomery; and his mother-in-law Patsy Dominguez