



Ronald R. Gooden

October 14, 1942 - February 14, 2010

Ronald R. Gooden, 67, of 16 Blackberry Lane, Palmyra died Sunday February 14, 2010 in the MS Hershey Medical Center. He was the husband of Billie J. Maxwell Gooden with whom he celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary this past Wednesday. Born in McPherson, Kansas on October 14, 1942, he was the son of the late Ralph T. and Nina Lea Rush Gooden. He retired in 1980 as Musician with 20 years of service with the US Navy. He served during the Vietnam Era and completed 13 campaigns and traveled all over the world, living on a ship 13 of those 20 years. His last Duty Station was in Instrument Repair. He then retired after 15 years of service with the Veterans Administration as a Computer Analyst in Austin, TX. He was a graduate of East High School, Wichita, Kansas and Wichita State University, Kansas. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Lebanon where he formerly served as church organist and choir director. As a professional musician he played piano, all brass, and all percussion and he and his wife were one time members of the Mormon Choir of Washington, DC. He also enjoyed studying family history and genealogy. Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons Randall W. Gooden husband of Ramona Garcia of Chicago, Ill, Shawn C. husband of Rebecca Gooden of Palmyra, a daughter Christina L. Durbin of Wichita, Kansas, 12 grandchildren Veronica, Gilbert, Michael, Katherine, David, Tiffany, Teresa, Jonathan, Matthew, Sarah, Annie, and Jacob, and 5 great grandchildren Natalie, Emily, Michael, Jr., Isaiah, and Liam. Memorial services will be held on Saturday March 13, 2010 at 11:00 AM

from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 7011 E. 13th Street
Wichita, KS with Bishop Rather officiating. Interment was held in Indiantown
Gap National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

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