



## Gerald J. Vankirk

October 7, 1946 - January 26, 2011

Gerald J. Vankirk, "Breeze", age 64, of Crown Point, IN, passed away at Edward J. Hines VA Hospital in Hines, IL on Wednesday January 26, 2011. Breeze was a Veteran of the Viet Nam Conflict – U.S. Army. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He was a retired employee of Schererville Steel Corporation and a member of Ironworker's Local No. 473. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Yvonne Vankirk; his parents, and his brother.

He is survived by his soulmate, Shelva J. Bowers of Crown Point, IN; 2 sons, Corey Lloyd of PA and Jerry Vankirk of AK; brothers, Doug, James and Danny Vankirk all of Wyoming; sisters, Jeanie (Greg) Rees and Judy (Bob) Burns both of Wyoming; 7 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 12:00 noon at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Cremation will precede the Memorial Service.