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JAMES WILLIAM WOODEN



James William Wooden, 78 of Las Cruces, NM died January 2, 2009 at the Las Cruces Nursing Center. He was born March 1, 1930 in Medford, OR to Clifford and Erma Wooden. James worked with Civil Service at WSMR for the Plans and Programs Department. He retired after working for over 30 years with them. James was a Square Dance Caller and a lifetime member of the Bluebell Square Dance Club. He was also the Exalted Ruler of the local Elks Lodge, member and officer of the Optimists, a member of the original group that brought the Boys and Girls Club to Las Cruces, a member of both Ducks Unlimited and Fly Fishers. James graduated from the University of Oregon and was a loyal "Duck fan all his life as well as an enthusiastic Aggie fan. He loved to tie flies and speculate on which fly would work in a particular stream. He enjoyed hunting deer, ducks, and taking his dog Babe quail hunting.

A gathering of friends and family to celebrate the life of James Wooden will take place January 25, 2009 from 2-5 PM at 4500 Bigsky Dr. (take the Mesa Grande exit off Hwy 70)

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made in the name of James Wooden to the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary 144 Wyatt Drive, Las

Cruces, New Mexico 88005 or to Mesilla Valley Hospice 299 E. Montana Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 526-2419. For local private condolences log on to: www.GetzFuneralHome.com

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