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Leo Behrens, 79

April 24, 1923 - Oct. 7, 2002

ELK HORN – Leo August Behrens, son of John C. and Alma C. (Kohlscheen) Behrens, was born April 24, 1923, in Walnut. In 1936, his family moved to Portland, OR, where he completed his schooling and graduated from Grant High School in 1941. During World War II, he worked in a defense plant. He moved to Elk Horn, in 1950, and began working at the Salem Lutheran Home as an orderly. He later studied to be an LPN, and worked at Myrtue Memorial Hospital until his retirement in 1988. After retiring, he did antiques and worked at the Granary Mall in Walnut. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Leo died Oct. 7, 2002, at Salem Lutheran Home at age 79 years, five months and 13 days.

Preceding Leo in death were his parents and one infant sister, Norma Behrens. Survivors include four brothers, Orvis (Florence) Behrens of Arnolds Park; Marinus (Gertrude) Behrens of Milwaukie, OR; Calvin (Donna) Behrens of Woodburn, OR; and John, Jr. (Jeri) Behrens of Port Angeles, WA; one sister, Elvira (Harold) Neuswanger of Woodburn, OR; two close friends, Dana Kunze of Westside and Troy Suhr of Walnut; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2002, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Wallace Pattee, Victor Hoogensen, David Niemann, Lyle Behrens, Jim Behrens and Gerald Peck. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.