

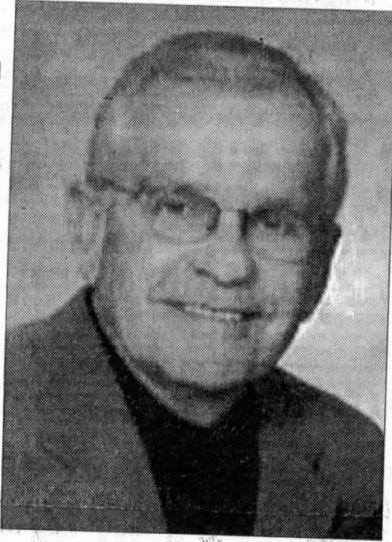
## Leslie Blobaum, 66

June 17, 1943 - Aug. 17, 2009

**ASHLAND, NE** — Leslie Paul Blobaum, 66, passed away from this life, Monday, August 17, 2009 at the Ashland Care Center in Ashland, NE after battling cancer.

Les was born June 17, 1943, in Fairbury, NE to Werner and Irene Blobaum. He grew up on the farm north of Fairbury and graduated from Fairbury High School in 1960 and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1965 with a degree in Business Administration.

April 17, 1965, Les married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Weerts. He then began active duty as a Marine and served in Vietnam. After



returning to the states, together they raised two daughters, Natalie and Nicole. During Les' life, he always put faith, family and friends first and was dedicated to community service. The Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Ashland Rotary, American Lutheran Church, Red Cross Blood Drive, Liquid Propane Gas Association Board, VFW Post #9776, Ashland Library Board, Ashland Country Club, and the American Legion Post #129 are among the many community groups in which Les held leadership roles. Les was always very conscientious about the importance of education and initiated the Rotary's Academic Honor Program with the Ashland Greenwood High School. Along with his many interests, golf, bridge, bowling, Husker football, and chocolate helped fill his life with joy. Les spent his days making sure his customers were warm in the winter as he owned and operated Great Plains Propane Service for 36 years. On most mornings you could find Les drinking coffee with friends and business associates and they discussed the topics of each day.

Les was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bryon Blobaum. He is survived by his lovely wife, Carolyn, along with their beautiful children, Natalie Sell and husband, Terry, of Waukee, and Nicole Chudomelka and husband, Dan, of Ashland, NE. Les enjoyed many hours spending precious time with his grandchildren, Leslie and Bryce Chudomelka and Justin and Jenna Sell. He is also survived by sisters, Judy Lynch of Omaha and Nancy and husband Dr. Tom Ludwig of Harlan, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 20, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at American Lutheran Church in Ashland, NE. Interment was held at the Ashland Cemetery in Ashland, NE, with military honors by the American Legion Post #129. Pallbearers for the service were Jay

Lynch, Greg Hohl, Monty Zantow, Chris

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Ludwig, Jeff Weerts and Jim Drake. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Koch, Scott Parde, Eric Brown, Mike Dillon, and Brett Lambert. Memorials can go to the Ashland Rotary Academic Honors, American Cancer Society and the American Lutheran Church.

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