

Leon F. Burger, 77

June 6, 1921 - April 30, 1999

HARLAN - Leon F. Burger, son of Oadis and Helen Elizabeth (Erickson) Burger, was born June 6, 1921, in Tennant. He attended school in Harlan and graduated in 1939. After high school, he worked in the Harlan area as a farm hand and did some trucking. Leon enlisted into the Army Air Corp at Fort Crook, NE Jan. 15, 1942. He served his country in the European Theater during World War II until his Honorable Discharge from Camp McCoy, WI Oct. 8, 1945. After the war, he worked in all kinds of construction and building. He started his own building business in Harlan in the fall of 1972. He retired in 1986. He died April 30, 1999, at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha, at age 77 years, ten months and 24 days.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Gene. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Burger of Harlan; his children, Robert (Regina) Burger of Papillion, NE; Debbie (Carl) Schadt of Waterloo; Tim (Laurel) Burger of Harlan; Jim Burger of Omaha; Candi (Steve) Bruck of Harlan; Cindi (Galen) Boeck of Co. Bluffs; his step children, Jerry (Debbie) Stendrup of Harlan; Debbie (Mike) Miller of Prescott; 17 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; his sister, Marjorie (Leo) Leinen; his brother, Darrell (Marcia) Burger of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 3, 1999, at the Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Military rites were held in the Harlan Cemetery, by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 & American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Honorary casket bearers were Harold Blackwell, Gary Huffman, Gene Block and Max Bacon. Casket bearers were Luke Clark, Kelly Fairchild, Glen Arnold, Eldon Erickson, Paul Wegner and Bruce Burger.