

Leslie E. Grieder, 78 ✓

March 30, 1923 - May 23, 2001

HARLAN – Leslie Edward Grieder, son of James and Rebecca (Rea) Grieder, was born March 30, 1923, in Irwin. He was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist Church in Irwin. He grew up in Irwin and graduated from the Irwin High school in 1941. He entered the service in 1942. After receiving a medical discharge, he went to Washington state and helped build the plant for part of the first atomic bomb.

June 3, 1945, he married Edna Alvina Dose in Walnut. Les worked for the railroad and the R.E.A. until 1958, when they moved to Denver, CO, for five years where Les did electrical wiring for a contractor. After moving back to Harlan in 1963, he worked for Petersen Battery and Electric until 1970, when he started his own business, "Grieder Electric Motor Sales and Service," which he ran until 1988, when he retired. He died May 23, 2001, at the Selected Special Hospital in Papillion, NE at age 78 years, one month and 23 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Holdsworth. Survivors include his wife, Edna of Harlan; his children, Larry Lee Grieder (Vinie) of Omaha, NE; LeAnn Grieder of Omaha, NE; one granddaughter, Jillian Grieder; his sister, Lola (Jim) Matteucci of Pacifica, CA; his brother, Ivan Grieder of Cottonwood, CA; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 26, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Earl Baldwin, Walter Mordhorst, Wes Petersen, Anker Rasmussen, Monte Hansen, Raymond Thomsen and Nick White honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Steven Patte, Harold "Blackie" Blackwell, Bill Grote, Mark Brower, LaVerne Hansen, Kenny Olson, Walt Bernard and Raymond Andersen.

