

Sheldon Leutzinger, 89

Dec. 17, 1920 - April 16, 2010

ALBUQUERQUE, NM — Sheldon Lloyd "Shel" Leutzinger of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, NM, died April 16, 2010 at age 89.

Sheldon was born December 17, 1920 in Harlan, Shelby County, to parents Edward Dutch Leutzinger and Ruth Inscho. He was a graduate of Harlan High School in 1939, and relocated to Albuquerque in the early 1950s.

Sheldon married Margaret Lucille McBride on April 28, 1955 in Bosque Farms, NM. During World War II Sheldon was recognized with an Army-Navy Production Award for his work in the manufacture of the B-26 and B-29 aircraft. From May 30, 1952 to his retirement on December 31, 1985, he worked for Pound Brothers and Genuine Parts, which both became part of Napa Auto Parts. Sheldon was a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs, as well as a volunteer with the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. In retirement, he was a member of Poco Quatros Model A Ford Club, having owned many Model A Fords dating back to his youth in Harlan and Council Bluffs. He enjoyed the outdoors, and spent much of his free time camping, fishing, working in his garden, and tending his pet turtles.

Sheldon is survived by his daughter Anita Harrison and spouse Jerry of Albuquerque, NM; son John Leutzinger and spouse Barbara of Scottsdale, AZ; his grandchildren, Richard Moya and spouse Seddah of Las Cruces, NM; Michael Moya and spouse Erin of Albuquerque, NM; Hayley Leutzinger and Eric Leutzinger of Scottsdale, AZ; and great-granddaughter Avery Moya of Las Cruces, NM; as well as several close friends. He is preceded in death by his wife Margaret (daughter of Job Stewart McBride and Mary Gertrude Grosjean; born May 17, 1924 in Muscatine; died December 19, 1989 in Albuquerque), his parents, and his siblings Paul "Buzz," Edward, June Rose, and Shirley.

Visitation was held at French Mortuary, 1111 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM, on April 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. A graveside service followed. His grandchildren, their spouses, and friend Gary King served as pallbearers.

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