HARLAN TRIBUNE FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Lawrence Robert Meyers, 90 January 2, 1924 - February 2, 2014

Larry Meyers passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 2, 2014. He was so proud and greatly enjoyed his 90th birthday celebration on January 2, 2014 with family and friends.

Larry was born in Harlan, IA as the first of four children to Hugo and Alice (Rank) Meyers. He was very proud to serve his country during World War II. Although he did not talk about it much, he was a tank driver in Europe for General Patton. Larry was injured and came back home with an injured knee that only caused problems as he aged. His army buddies were always in his thoughts and prayers. Larry returned to lowa and began working at Cole's Jewelry store in Atlantic after a short rehab period. Larry was married, and then married a second time after tragically losing his first young wife in childbirth of their second daughter. It was a difficult decision, but Larry and Jean decided to move to Texas with their young family (2 daughters and young son). They moved several times for Larry to continue working as a jewelry salesman. He was a jeweler for over 60 years and was always greeting his clients by name and drumming up that next purchase for a gift or just because. He was a true salesman and always continued to improve that talent. Larry and Jean finally settled in Austin, TX and were there for over 40 years. They stayed busy on the home front with work, family and friend obligations. They enjoyed traveling when they could get away and those treasured guiet times. Larry loved old movies and westerns, and he played a mean game of solitaire. Larry always cherished his fishing trips with Gary when they could get away just the two of them. They were always up for travel opportunities. Although they did not return to Iowa as much as they would like through the years, they did visit Linda in Chicago, California, and Pennsylvania. Larry and Jean also treasured their memories of their big Alaskan cruise. Larry was a true family man and was loved by all as a big brother, husband, father, and grandfather. The family was small but everyone loved Larry Meyers.

Larry is pre-deceased by first wife, Dorothy Mathisen and daughter Carol Diane; second wife, Norma Jean Bladt, son Gary Meyers and daughter Connie Jeffries. Larry is survived by the following family who will always love and remember him as the wonderful, cherished man he always was: sister Dolly Schirm, Falls Church, VA and brother Gaylord (Whitey) Meyers, Wimberly, TX; daughter Linda Nugent, Sacramento, CA; granddaughters Jamie Donohoo, Little Elm, TX and Lindsey Ramrez, Austin, TX, great grandchildren Allison Donohoo, Mariah Donohoo, Jackson Donohoo and Chloe Ramrez.

Graveside services were held in Austin, TX Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. with a military fly-over.