

Ouren, longtime Harlan businessman, dies

HARLAN -- H.W. "Bud" Ouren, Jr., 77, a longtime Harlan businessman and volunteer, died Thursday, Dec. 13 at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan.

Ouren is survived by his wife, Jeannine, of Harlan; son Randy of Harlan; daughters Gail LeBlanc of Baxter, Mn. and Cathy (Tom) Wilke of Council Bluffs; sister Mary Ellen Jones of Jacksonville, Fla.; step-daughters Diane (Dan) Sorensen of Gold-

field and Janet Leinen of Gilbert, Az.; three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Ouren was known and appreciated for his years of volunteer and business service to the Harlan community. He and his brother, Bruce, became partners in the Shelby County Abstract Company, and Ouren Insurance and Real Estate Agency, Inc.

Ouren later became owner of the abstract company, later re-incorporating as Ouren, Title Inc. He continued to take part in his business and Ouren Real Estate for more than 55 years until his death.

As a volunteer, he was a member of the Harlan Fire Department for 29 years, serving as chief in 1973-74. He was selected Man of the Year in 1964 and Citizen of the Years in 1986. He served on the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Commission and the Harlan Community School Board for seven years.

Ouren was past president of the Iowa Land Title Association and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harlan. He was an early economic development backer as a member of the original Harlan Industrial Corporation, which later became the basis for the Harlan Building Corporation, where he was a board member and officer.



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