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Leslie N. Esbeck, 75

Leslie Nelson Esbeck, the son of Andrew and Katherine Hansen Esbeck, was born on January 6, 1909, on a farm east of Elk Horn. He was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran church in Elk Horn and attended country school and later attended Elk Horn high school for one year. After school, she helped on the family farm.

In 1931, he married Cecelia Brown. Two children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed for six years, and then moved to Elk Horn, where he went into business for himself. On April 14, 1944, he enlisted into the U.S. Navy, at Des Moines, and served his country during W.W.II as a Seaman First Class. After his honorable discharge on Oct. 26, 1945, he returned to Elk Horn, where he again was in business for himself. In 1964, he moved to Omaha, Neb., and then was involved in direct sales. In 1970, their married desolved.

On July 24, 1971, he married Anna Andersen Hess at a Methodist church in Omaha, Neb. After their marriage, they continued to live in Omaha and has been semi-retired the past ten years. He was a member of the Omaha Gospel Tabernacle and former member of the Za-Ga-Zig Temple of Shriner in Des Moines and was a member of V.F.W. D. Louis Bleck Post No. 342 of Omaha and American Legion Post No. 112 of Benson, Neb. He died at DeWitt Community hospital in DeWitt on July 4, 1984, while visiting his step-son Gail Hess at the age of 75 years, 5 months and 29 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers Kenneth, Orville and Dale; one step daughter Judy Kock and two step sons. He is survived by his wife Anna of Omaha, Neb.; one son LaVerne Esbeck of Crescent; one daughter Belva Jean Brown of Omaha, Neb.; three step sons Lloyd Hess of Colorado City, Colo.; Gail Hess of DeWitt and Eugene Hess of Dunlap; seven grandchildren; 13 step grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren; two brothers Lyle Esbeck and Earl Esbeck both of Atlantic; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 7, 1984 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Oliver Solberg officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville emetery Jacksonville with Lee Hess, Brad Brown, Wayne Kock, Andrew Hess, Neal Irsen and Troy Everett Hess all serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of the arrangements.