

Lauren Dwayne LaSourd, 62

Portsmouth — Lauren Dwayne LaSourd, son of Frank L. and Almira Minnie Peters LaSourd, was born May 5, 1919 on a farm near Woodbine. He was baptized at the Methodist church in Woodbine and attended the country school north of Woodbine. When he was in the fifth grade, he moved with his family to Denison, where he continued to attend school and grew to adulthood. After completing his education, he was employed in Denison as a truck driver for five years before moving to Sioux City, where he was employed at the Iowa Air National Guard Base.

On Aug. 8, 1942, he married Opal Higgins in Dakota City, Neb. Five daughters were born to this union. Soon after their marriage, on Aug. 18, 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Army to serve his country as a Private First Class during World War II. After receiving an honorable discharge on Dec. 4, 1943, he returned with his family and purchased the Grocery and Produce Store in Portsmouth, which he owned and operated for 35 years. In 1978, he retired due to ill health and continued to make his home with his family in Portsmouth.

He was a member of the American Legion, John Ohlinger Post No. 547 and the Disabled Vets, both of Portsmouth. He died at his lake home in Lake View on Saturday, Aug. 29, 1981 at age 62 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra; two brothers, Glen and Neil and one sister, Vonnice.

Survivors include his wife, Opal of Portsmouth; his four daughters, Terri (Mrs

Ken) Potter of Conroe, Texas., Toni (Mrs Gale) Tarkington of Portsmouth, Tami and Trudi LaSourd, both living at home in Portsmouth; three grandchildren; one sister, Maxine (Mrs Len) Mohler of McAllen, Texas; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1981 with Dr. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the United Methodist church in Harlan.

Burial was in the Woodbine cemetery with Jack Slaven, Leonard Rau, Jerry Waltz, Keith Potter, William Lawler, and Jerry Thiedeman.

Military rites were conducted at the cemetery by the American Legion, John Ohlinger Post No. 547 of Portsmouth.