

## Leslie D. Burger, 67

July 18, 1931 - April 20, 1999

**HARLAN** – Leslie Dean Burger, son of Arthur Clifford and Ebal (Sprague) Burger, was born July 18, 1931, at Redline. He was baptized at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and attended country school and the Irwin High School. March 18, 1952, he entered the United States Army, serving in the Korean War and received his honorable discharge Jan. 30, 1954. From 1954 until 1960 he served in the Army reserves. He then worked for Louie Hansen as a farm hand, did construction work for Jackson Construction and was employed at the Jacksonville Gas Station. He also worked for Mervin Schaaf at Avoca before being employed at the Harlan Newspaper for 17 years, and then the City of Harlan for 17 years. After his retirement, he mowed the parks for the city of Harlan.

March 17, 1954 Les married Marilyn Plagman at Spencer. To this union three children were born. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan and the Harlan VFW Post No. 941. He died April 20, 1999, at his home in Harlan at age 67 years, nine months and two days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Burger of Harlan; his children, Roger Burger (Teresa) of Corning; Bruce Burger (Linda) of Harlan; and Cathy (Jerry) Murray of Harlan; his brothers, William Burger of Harlan; Terry Burger (Norma) of Audubon; Jared Burger (Jean) of Afton; his half sister and half brothers, Debra (John) Waters of Janesville, MN; Randall Burger (Vivian) and Gary Burger, both of Minnesota Lake, MN; four grandchildren, Bradley Murray, Ryan Murray, Kaitlin Murray and Ross Burger; step grandchildren, Amanda, Andrew and Adam Cole; Galen, Kelly (Elaine) and Nicholas Gaer; and one step great grandson, Brett Gaer, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 23, 1999, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Honorary casket bearers were Bradley Murray, Kaitlin Murray, Ryan Murray and Ross Burger. Casket bearers were Olin Pash, Merle Bettcher, Glen Arnold, Daniel Bieker, Kelly Fairchild and Bernard Stinn. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

