

Larry E. Buttry, Sr.,

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March 2, 1936 - Nov. 22, 2017

HARLAN – Larry E. Buttry, Sr. was born March 2, 1936 in St. Louis, MO to Ernest and Marie (Brumit) Buttry. The family moved to Huntington Park, CA in 1942, when he was six and he went to school at Huntington Park Schools through the 10th grade. While growing up in California, Larry met Audubon native Shirley Mae Cavanaugh who had moved to Bell, CA.

On March 14, 1953, Larry and Shirley were united in marriage in Yuma, AZ. After their marriage, they returned to the Los Angeles, CA area to make their home and that is when Larry joined the United States Navy on November 17, 1953, at the age of 17. Larry served in the U.S. Navy until his honorable discharge on August 15, 1960. While serving, Larry received the China Good Service Medal, three Good Conduct Medals and the National Defense Medal. He spent most of his service stationed aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Walke (DD-723) and later on the minesweeper USS Leader (MSO-490) during the Korean War.

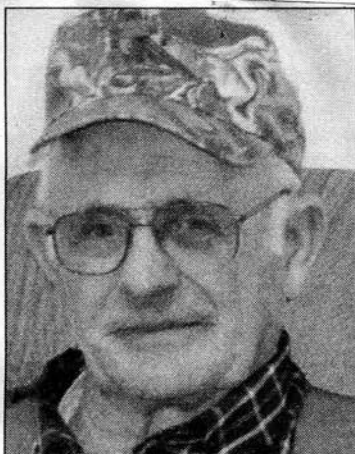
Larry and Shirley then moved to Harlan, making that their lifelong family home. Larry continued his service upon returning to Iowa serving in the Iowa National Guard from 1976 to 1983 obtaining the rank of E6. Larry also worked for Harlan Manufacturing before beginning his own garbage business with the help of his brothers-in-law, Dick Cavanaugh and Louis Kroger. He operated Larry's Hauling for 15 years before selling it to his nephew, Randy Kroger, in 1985. Larry semi-retired, but continued working; painting with Jerry Schomers, being a custodian for Conductix, and driving a school bus for many years. He fully retired in 2012 and moved into Elm Crest in 2015.

Larry died on November 22, 2017 at Elm Crest Assisted Living in Harlan attaining the age of 81 years, eight months and 20 days. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; an infant son; and sister Janet Miller.

Larry is survived by his children: Larry Buttry, Jr. and his wife Denise of Harlan; Pamela and her husband Rick Finken of Davenport; Ernest Buttry and his wife Lori of Millard, NE; David Buttry and Mardel Munoz of Council Bluffs; Michelle and her husband Jeff Musich of Harlan; Matthew Buttry and Nancy Bales of Harlan; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters Sheri and her husband Jim Bevill of California; Lucille and her husband Wally Franklin of Missouri; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

An 11 a.m. funeral service was officiated by Deacon Jean Plourde on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Christopher Buttry, Calvin Buttry, McKenzie Anderson, William Buttry, Jessica Anderson, Daija Buttry, Brian Buttry, Lucas Musich, Haiden Buttry and Brandon Buttry served as honorary casket bearers. Emily Rosso, Michael Buttry, Ben Buttry, Adam Musich, Jason Anderson and Alisha Buttry served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Helmer Reyelt American Legion Post No. 150 at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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