

Leroy D. Closson, 73

Oct. 3, 1926 - April 11, 2000

KERRVILLE, TX – Leroy David Closson, son of Clifford and Mabelle (Schaffer) Closson, was born Oct. 3, 1926, in Tennant. The family later moved to Harlan. He was baptized in the First Christian Church in Harlan and attended Park School and the Harlan High School. He worked before and after school at the bakery in Harlan. He served in World War II from December 1944, until November of 1946. He was a sergeant in the Army and stationed in Tokyo, Japan where he continued with his baking. Upon receiving his honorary discharge, he worked at a bakery in Valentine, NE, for a short time before returning to Harlan.



June 18, 1948, he married MaeVerlee Larsen at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. They became the parents of three children. After their marriage, they lived in California for a short time, returning to Harlan in 1953. He worked at the Gambles Hardware Store in Harlan before becoming employed at the Ford Garage, retiring after 32 years. He was a commander in 1956 of the Shelby County VFW Post 941 in Harlan, and served on the Shelby County Veteran's Affairs Commission and the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium Commission for many years. He was a past member of the American Legion Post No. 150 of Harlan and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. After his retirement, they moved to Kerrville, TX in 1984, where they continued to make their home. They were married 51 years. He died April 11, 2000, at Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville, TX, at age 73 years, six months and eight days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, MaeVerlee Closson of Kerrville, TX; two daughters, Vicky (Ben) Reimer of Parkville, MO; Debbie (Robert) Hoffmann of Center Point, TX; his son, Tracy Closson (Cindy) of DeQueen, AR; six grandchildren, Troy, Shelli, Kelli, Todd, Michael and Chad; five great grandchildren, Hanah, Colton, Cole, Tanner and Garrett; his brother, Eugene Closson (Betty) of Yorba Linda, CA; and other relatives.

A memorial service was held April 22, 2000, at the Harlan Cemetery by Pastor Paul Wilcox and military rites were conducted by the Shelby County V.F.W. Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.