

## Lloyd Cooper, 71

*April 7, 1928 – Dec. 28, 1999*

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** – Lloyd Jacob Cooper was born April 7, 1928, in Deshler, NE to Emmert and Alma (Collman) Cooper. He attended grade school in Hebron, NE. When he was 10 years old the family moved to Gresham, OR and he graduated from Roosevelt High School in Gresham in 1945. After his father's death in 1946, they moved to Hebron, NE. He attended Fairbury Junior College graduating in 1949 with an associate degree in business. He then moved to Omaha and became a salesman for Planters Peanuts.

He married Shirley Holben Oct. 5, 1952. To this union four children were born. Lloyd became a salesman for Butter-Nut coffee in 1958 where he traveled in Western Iowa. After a heart attack in 1968, the family moved to Harlan. In 1974 he started to sell for United Agriculture Products. After a disabling stroke in 1984 they moved to Co. Bluffs where they made their home until 1998. Because of health problems he had both legs amputated in April of 1998 and became a resident of Little Flower Haven in June of 1998. He became suddenly ill Dec. 19, 1999, and died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital Dec. 28, 1999, at age 71 years, eight months.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Garret. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Shirley; two daughters, Cindi (John) Knudsen of Liberal, KS and Dede (Steve) Schnuettgen of Defiance; two sons, Brad Cooper of Omaha, NE and Randy (Sheri) Cooper of Jackson, TN; five grandchildren, Heidi (Coty) Cooper, Amanda Knudsen, Luke Knudsen, Sara Schnuettgen and Benjamin Cooper; one brother, Merle (Betty) Cooper of Littleton, CO and other relatives.

A celebration of his life was held Dec. 31, 1999, at Timothy Lutheran Church in Co. Bluffs. Burial as at Westlawn – Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha. Honorary casket bearers were Robert Smith, Lou Nelson, Harold Baedke and Robert Godsey. Casket bearers were Dr. Tom Fake, Clarence Busch, Mariyn Netsch, Tom Ermswiler, Ronald Holben and Coty Cooper.

