

Lester Gilliland, 80

May 21, 1921 - July 5, 2001

COUNCIL BLUFFS - Lester Floyd Gilliland was born May 21, 1921, in St. Paul, NE, son of S. Floyd and Ruth Westcott Gilliland, and was one of four children in the family. Lester attended school, completing the 10th grade. He then entered the Armed Forces and served his country for 16 years.

He married Darlene Camenisch Oct. 5, 1968, in Council Bluffs. He worked as an auto mechanic for General Electric Motors and received a Service Award for 20 years of service. He then went to work for the City of Council Bluffs and worked as a heavy equipment operator for 11 years. Following his retirement from the City, he delivered papers for the Omaha World Herald. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs July 5, 2001 at age 80 years, one month and 14 days.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bill. He is survived by his wife, Darlene of Council Bluffs; six stepchildren, Sheila Christensen of Guthrie Center; Clifford Young (Debbie) of Avoca; LaDonna Young of Denison; Penny Rasmussen (Kevin) of Norfolk, NE; Arnie Young living in Oregon and Earl Young of Council Bluffs; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Fredricksen (Wes) of Stromsburg, NE and Marge Holly of St. Paul, NE; a good friend, Yonne Reiner, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 9, 2001, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Reverend Noel Kropp officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Tim Dinklage, Michael Young, Tony Young, Coby Young, Clifford Young, Earl Young and Dustin Young.