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## H.W. (Bud) Ouren, 77

*May 23, 1924 - Dec. 13, 2001*

**HARLAN** – H.W. (Bud) Ouren, Jr. was born to Nelle (Kinzel) and Horace Wayne Ouren May 23, 1924, at Harlan. At the age of five, Bud moved with his family to Belle Fouche, SD, near the Black Hills; where he attended elementary school and graduated from high school in 1942. Following graduation, he attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, and in December of 1942, Bud and his twin brother, Gail, joined the United States Army Air Corp and served in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged in January of 1946, after which he attended Utah State University in Logan, UT. He returned to Harlan to work for his father at Shelby



County Abstract Company, Inc. in 1947. Bud and his brother, Bruce, became partners in the Shelby County Abstract Company, and Ouren Insurance and Real Estate Agency, Inc. The brothers later dissolved their partnership, and Bud became owner of the abstract company, later reincorporating as Ouren Title, Inc. He continued to take part in his business and Ouren Real Estate for more than 55 years until his death.

He married Babs Randerson of Malvern, in 1948. They adopted three children, Randy, Cathy and Gail.

May 15, 1977, Bud married Jeannine Parr at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan. He was a member of the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan, for 54 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Parian Lodge NO. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan. He was a member of the Harlan Fire Department beginning in 1950, serving as chief from 1973 to 1974, and retired after serving 29 years. He was selected as Man of the Year in 1964 and Citizen of the Years in 1986. He served on the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Commission and the Harlan Community School Board for seven years. Bud was past president of the Iowa Land Title Association and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Harlan. He died Dec. 13, 2001, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 77 years, six months and 20 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother, Gail, and younger brother, Bruce Ouren. He is survived by his wife, Jeannine Ouren of Harlan; his children, Randy Ouren of Harlan; Gail LeBlanc of Baxter, MN and Cathy (Tom) Wilke of Council Bluffs; three grandchildren; one sister, Mary Ellen Jones of Jacksonville, FL; stepdaughters, Diane (Dan) Sorensen of Goldfield and Janet Leinen of Gilbert, AZ; five step grandchildren; one step great grandchild and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Canon Glenn Rankin officiating. Dr. Clint Jones delivered the eulogy.