

Dale E. French, 77

July 1, 1921 – May 14, 1999

DAYTONA BEACH, FL – Dale E. French, son of John J. and Mary Christensen French, was born July 1, 1921, in Irwin. He was the oldest of three children. His mother and the children moved to Harlan after the death of his father when Dale was five years old. He attended Harlan schools and graduated from Harlan High School in 1940. He was a Navy veteran of World War II serving from 1942 to 1945. While on active duty in Europe he met Joyce Beadle who was serving her country in the British Navy.

He married Joyce Beadle July 21, 1945, in England. After his discharge he returned to Harlan where he was manager of Green Bay Lumber Co. until 1966. He then managed the Harlan Lumber Co. The family moved to New Mexico in 1974 and 12 years later to Florida where he retired. He was an active member of the Derbyshire Baptist Church. He died May 14, 1999, at a hospital in Daytona Beach, FL.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce; three daughters, Jeannie (Douglass) Riddles of St. Augustine, FL; Margaret (Ron) Todd of Port Orange, FL and Bonnie (David) Andreu of Jacksonville, FL; two sons, Thomas French, Waikoloa Village, HI and Timothy French of Phoenix, AZ; a sister, Elaine Larsen, Daytona Beach, FL; and a brother, Glenn (Rosalie) French of Harlan; three grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 17, 1999, at Derbyshire Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, FL.