

James Felix Leslie, 75 ✓

Dec. 13, 1919 - Oct. 18, 1995

Avoca - James Felix Leslie was born at Avoca Dec. 13, 1919, son of George and Mary Tierney Leslie. He was one of two children in the family. He attended elementary school in a rural school and the Avoca Elementary School. He graduated from Avoca High School in 1937. He helped on the family farm during high school and worked in the County Deputy Clerk's Office for several years. He attended Frye Aircraft School in Omaha, then went to work in the Douglas Aircraft Factory in Santa Monica, CA for eighteen months then transferred to the Martin Bomber Plant in Omaha.

He married Josephine Gross April 14, 1941 at Venice, CA. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1943 and was stationed in Victorville, CA until his discharge in 1945. He returned to Avoca where he operated a garage and machinery sales and also worked for Max Mez at the Avoca Implement Company. They were the parents of four children. He was engaged in farming, real estate and insurance until his retirement. He served 12 years on the Avoca Town Council. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avoca. He died suddenly of an apparent heart attack while driving his pickup in Avoca Oct. 19, 1995 at age 75 years, 10 months and 5 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Josephine; three daughters, JoAnne (James) Sweeney of Altus, OK; Jean (Arlan) Kuehn of Carroll; Judith (Donald) Wiloughby of Sloux City; and one son, James Leslie, Jr. of Omaha; 6 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and one brother, George Leslie (Florence) of Altadena, CA and other relatives.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 21, 1995 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca with burial in Graceland Cemetery in Avoca with American Legion graveside services by the Fred Funston American Legion Post 227 of Avoca. Rev. Fred Reischl, celebrant. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.