

Roy Linton, 92

Sept. 9, 1914 - April 14, 2007

HARLAN - Roy Victor Linton was born Sept. 9, 1914, in Chicago, IL, to John and Johanna (Scanlon) Linton and was baptized into the Presbyterian faith. Roy graduated from high school in Kansas City and attended junior college until the death of his father when he left school to help his brothers run their father's engineering and grain construction business. He worked as a private contractor for the armed forces before enlisting in the United States Navy. After his discharge, Roy returned to Kansas City living with his mother and continued working at various construction and engineering companies.



November 30, 1947, Roy married Ruth Blakely in Omaha, NE. Five children were born to this marriage: Roy II, Mike, John, Ruthie, and Lola. In 1950, Roy completed his college and received his degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rolla in Missouri. He then was employed by Butler Grain out of Kansas City and traveled throughout South America, Cuba and Central America designing and constructing grain elevators. Roy and Ruth then decided to establish Harlan as their home in 1959 so their children could attend school in the United States. He continued working for various engineering firms and traveled throughout the world until taking a job as Harlan's City Engineer. In 1977, he began work for the Army Corp of Engineers out of Omaha, NE, who sent him to Korea and Saudi Arabia. Throughout his career, Roy worked in twenty-seven countries in all. He died at Little Flower Haven in Earling, April 14, 2007, at age ninety-two years, seven months, and five days.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, John and Johanna Linton; his brothers George and David, sister Sanna, and half brother John. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Ruth Linton of Harlan; his children: Roy Linton II of Harlan, Mike (Marcia) Linton of Plymouth, MN, John (Peg) Linton of Ft. Calhoun, NE, Ruthie (Bobby) Schaben of Defiance, and Lola Linton of Harlan; six grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 17, 2007, with Pastor Dave Swinton officiating at Pauley Jones Funeral Home. Casket bearers were Bobby Schaben, Jarred Behrendt, Michael Behrendt, Mike Linton, Roy Linton II, Chuck Behrendt, John Linton, and Nick Schuler. Military Rites were held by Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 at the Harlan Cemetery.