

Leland Miller, 85 ✓

Jan. 28, 1927 - May 14, 2012

PHOENIX, AZ — Leland Jerome

Miller passed away peacefully in his sleep on May 14, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ at the age of 85. Leland was born on January 28, 1927 in Harlan. He was musically inclined and played baritone in both the Concert Band & Marching Band during seventh through ninth grades. He also sang in the high school choir and participated in Boys Glee Club, male quartet, mixed chorus and the church choir at Bethel Baptist. Following graduation from Harlan High School in 1945 he was inducted into the U.S. Army. Leland was sent to Livorno, Italy where he was given the task of tracing the home origin of 10,000 German prisoners of war and shipping them back.



Leland married Donna Jean Jensen August 22, 1950 in Harlan. To this union three children, Brenda, Kurt and Todd, were born. Returning to Harlan after discharge from the military, Leland worked for Larson's Shoe Store for one year followed by the E. M. Christensen garage until moving to Arizona with his family in 1957. For 31 years he worked for Courtesy Chevrolet as Bookkeeper & Office Manager until retiring in 1992. During the later years of his employment, he was trained in computer operations and went on to fully computerize their systems.

Leland married Dorothy Peckinpaugh March 15, 1975 in Phoenix, AZ. Throughout the years Leland enjoyed stock car and Indy car racing, and was fortunate to experience travel to numerous U.S. states and foreign countries. One of the most memorable trips included highlights such as St. Moritz, Switzerland (where the winter Olympics were held) and Lucerne. He was impressed with the cleanliness of Swiss cities and it was definitely no surprise to his family that pastries and Swiss chocolate were remembered with such fondness. Leland's personal faith in Christ was important throughout his life. He loved to read God's Word and participated in various church activities which provided opportunities to share his God-given talents and enjoy the fellowship of others.

Leland was preceded in death by Mabel and Nels Miller [parents], Elaine Nelson [sister] and Gene Miller [brother]. He is survived by Dorothy Miller [wife]; Brenda Miller, Kurt (Kim) Miller and Todd (Wendy) Miller [children]; Bob (Tina) Peckinpaugh, Bill (Michelle) Peckinpaugh and Tom (Sharon) Peckinpaugh [step-children]; 21 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; Glenn (Edith) Miller [brother]; Gladys Miller [sister-in-law]; Vincent Nelson [brother-in-law];

as well as other family & friends.

A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Sun Valley Baptist Church in Anthem, AZ. Internment will take place in the Harlan Cemetery at a later date. He was dearly loved and will be missed. See you at Heaven's Gate!