

Leslie Miller, 81

June 22, 1916 - June 9, 1998

SPRINGFIELD, MO - Leslie Andrew Miller, the son of Andrew and Minnie Paulson, was born June 22, 1916, in Persia. He died June 9, 1998, at Mercy Villa Care Center in Springfield, MO, at age 81 years, 11 months and 17 days. He was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist Church in Persia. He graduated from Persia High School in 1934, and attended Iowa State University in Ames. He became a member of the Masonic Lodge in 1937 in Persia. He received his 50 year certificate from the Parian Lodge of Harlan, in 1987. He was a member of ABOA Ben Adhem Shrine Temple in Springfield, MO.

June 1, 1941, he married Verdene Hamann at Kountz Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE. They moved to Wichita, KS, where he worked for Boeing Aircraft. In Omaha he taught sheet metal fabrication at Tech High School, then to San Francisco, working at a submarine base, then Bellevue, NE and Martin Bomber Plant. After World War II he operated Miller Grocery and Locker for 13 years and operated the Hiway Motel in Harlan for 13 years. He then retired for 25 years to Las Vegas before moving to Springfield, MO, in 1996 to be near their son, Gary.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Norma Doyle. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Verdene, and his daughter, Nancy Burkards (George) of Minneapolis, MN; three grandsons, George, Andrew and David; his son, Gary Miller (Linda) of Springfield, MO; two granddaughters, Jenny and Shelley; his nephews, Clifford and Denny Doyle, and a niece, Janet Antony, and their families and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home, Co. Bluffs, June 12, 1998. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery in Persia.