

## Lester J. Smith, 81

June 25, 1913 - June 7, 1995

**Harlan** - Lester J. Smith was born June 25, 1913 in Dewey County, OK to Samuel S. and Frankie Palmer Smith. He died June 7, 1995 at his home in Harlan at age 81 years. He served in the army during World War II. He entered in May 1941 and was discharged in Aug. 1945. During his lifetime he was in business with his brother Bill in Rembrandt and was a federal meat inspector with the Pork Plant in Harlan until his retirement 20 years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 brothers, Virgil Smith, Charles Smith, Gerald Smith, Arthur Hager, Lloyd Hager; 2 sisters, Gladys Craig and Elnora Schirm; 2 step-brothers, Melvin Hager and Gardner Hager, and 2 step-sisters, Clara Hoadley and Lydia Harden. He is survived by brothers, Russell (Bill) Smith of Ankeny, Donald Smith of Creston, Eugene Hager (Geraldine) of Fort Dodge; sisters, Ethel Grant of Des Moines, Elsie Meisenheimer of Omaha and Henrietta Rundlett (Everett) of Waterloo and step-brother, Henry Hager (Norma) of Greenfield; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 9, 1995 at Steen Funeral Home, Greenfield. Burial was in the Greenfield Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Greenfield American Legion Head-ends Post #265 and VFW Post 5357. Pallbearers were Robert Schirm, Robert Eckermann, Ronald Fisher, James Grant, Mike Hager and Greg Ritchhart. Steen Funeral Home in Greenfield in charge of arrangements.