

Lester Claypool, 70 ✓

TUCSON, AZ — Lester L. Claypool was born in Macksburg, and grew up in rural Union County. After high school, he served in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. He then attended junior college in Creston, before working for several years in construction during the building of the interstate highway system. In 1964, he moved his family to Mahaska County, where he worked for many years in agricultural business, primarily fertilizer, chemicals and spray equipment. Lester was a member of Masonic Lodge #74, serving twice as Master of the Lodge. After retirement in 2000, he worked as a PGA marshal during several professional golf events in Arizona. He died June 14, 2005, at Casa de la Luz Hospice in Tucson, AZ, at age 70.

Lester is survived by his wife, Molly; son, Roger (Marceta) Claypool of Harlan; daughters, Cindy (Steve) Wigton of Des Moines; and Melody (Randy) DeHeer of Oskaloosa; one granddaughter, Kaitlin DeHeer; three grandsons, Preston and Bradford Claypool and Tyler DeHeer.

A memorial service was held July 2, 2005, at Afton.