

Lyle Walker, Sr., 93

April 8, 1916 - June 28, 2009



HARLAN — Lyle Dale Walker, Sr., son of John O. and Patience (Pitt) Walker, was born on April 8, 1916, on the family farm outside of Woodbine, and was baptized at Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. He attended Douglas Hill Country School east of Woodbine and one year at Woodbine High School before helping his parents on the family farm.



Lyle was united in marriage to Myrtle Marie Peterson in Papillion, NE, on February 24, 1942, which also happened to be Myrtle's parents' anniversary. Six children were born to this union: Lyle, Jr.; Donna; Dolorès; LaVonne; Linda; and Mary. After their wedding, Lyle and Myrtle made their home in Harrison County. In 1942, Lyle enlisted in the United States Army. He attended basic training in Texas and was stationed at Ft. Knox, KY, Chanute, KS and Salt Lake City, UT where he received specialized training as a military police officer and prison guard. In 1943, Lyle spent time in France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. On October 27, 1945, Lyle returned to the United States and was honorably discharged. After his discharge, Lyle worked on a farm east of Harlan and later farmed various farms in Harrison and Shelby Counties. In 1949, Lyle and Myrtle moved to Shelby County where they continued to farm until 1963, when they moved into Harlan. Lyle was a devoted Christian and loved his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting, watching and playing baseball, bowling, looking for antiques and selling goods at flea markets. Lyle also loved playing and listening to music. In February 2009, Lyle became a resident at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. While there, he enjoyed participating in various activities, including singing the last song at the prom celebration. Lyle died on Sunday, June 28, 2009, at Myrtle Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of ninety-three years, two months, and twenty days.

Lyle is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Myrtle, and his siblings: Chester, Marie, Leonard, Lester, Vester, Albert, Minnie, and Ruby and his son-in-law David Force. He is survived by his children: Lyle Walker, Jr. and his wife Marcia of Harlan; Donna and her husband Jim Burdick of Chevy Chase, MD; Dolores and her husband Gary Brandt of Council Bluffs; LaVonne Force of Harlan; Linda and her husband Dennis Hielen of Shenandoah; Mary and her husband Rodney McCumber of Newton; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; his sisters Irma Williams of Logan, and Velma Vining of Bay City, OR; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Pastor Walter Bernard and Pastor Roger Manning officiating the 11:00 AM service. Military Rites were held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Harlan American

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Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150. Acting as honorary casket bearers were: Steven Force, Christopher Hielen, Stephen Hielen, David Hielen, Michael Brandt, Mike Dorland, Patrick Hielen, Nicholas Hielen, and Gary Patrick. Serving as casket bearers were: Joe Powell, Jeremy Walker, Jim Powell, Dan Martin, Aaron Russell, Jim Burdick, and Dave Martin.

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