LEHMAN, Lester

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Lester Lehman



Lester Lehmann, 88 of Freeman, SD Passed away on January 16th, 2019 at the Oakview Terrace nursing home.

Lester was born April 16, 1930 to Albert and Edna (Smidt) at Freeman, SD. He was baptized November 25th, 1945, by William Claasan at Salem Mennonite Church, he remained a member there until his death.

Lester attended elementary school at District #32, and high school at Hurley graduating in 1948. Lester enjoyed playing football in high school and was also homecoming king. He loved baseball, and played with the Hurley American Legion team, and in pastures at Turkey Ridge and Freeman, he also played on the Viborg and Hurley town teams. He played softball on the station team at China Lake, California while in the U.S. Navy.

Lester enlisted in the Navy on September 18, 1951. He served 2 years at the U. S. Naval ordnance testing station, China Lake, California. Then 2 years aboard the U.S. Charles P. Cecil DDR 835 Dock at Norfolk Naval shipping yards, in Norfolk, VA. Lester was honorably discharged September 18th, 1955.

Upon his discharge he started farming, then in 1960 he farmed jointly with his brother LaVerne until his passing in 1982. Lester retired from his love of the farm in 1996. In 2000 he sold his farm and moved into Freeman.

Lester is survived by one sister, Vernelle (Vernon) Larsen, of Viborg, SD, one brother Eugene (Jim) (Karen) Lehmann, of Kent, Washington. One Sister in law, Joyce Lehmann, of Freeman, SD and many nieces and nephews and other family and friends.

Preceding Lester in death are his parents, Albert and Edna, brothers Kenny, LaVerne, and Dale Lehmann, Sister Marcene Scott, sister in law Christine, Brother in law Willis and two nephews, Kevin (Radar) Lehmann and Tom Lehmann.

A Time of Remembrance was held at Salem Mennonite Church, Freeman, South Dakota on January 22, 2019. Interment Salem Mennonite Church Cemetery. Arrangements by WALTER FUNERAL HOME