LEHMANN, Laverne

born: 1929
Freeman, South Dakota
June 15, 1982
rural Hurley, South Dakota

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FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR LAVERNE LEHMANN

In Memoriam

LaVerne Lehmann, 53, son of Albert and Edna Lehmann, was born at Freeman, South Dakota and died Tuesday evening, June 15, 1982 as the result of a windrower accident at the family farm near Hurley, South Dakota.

After LaVerne completed his elementary education he graduated from a mechanics training school at Fargo, North Dakota. He spent some time working at the repair shop of a Ford agency in Lennox, South Dakota.

Before entering the service he maintained a general farm to market trucking service in the Hurley vicinity. At this time he was inducted into the army and concluded this career with overseas service in Korea.

Upon his return to the states he learned the Blacksmith's trade from John Carnahan and eventually established his own business at Turkey Ridge Store and also later maintained a shop at Kaylor, South Dakota.

LaVerne was married to Christine Muhmel on August 17, 1954 at Scotland, South Dakota. They established their home near Turkey Ridge Store and later at Kaylor, South Dakota.

In 1960 the family purchased a farm southwest of Hurley, where they have lived until the sudden death of LaVerne. He was active in the community having served as a member of the Turner County Fair Directors, the Hurley School Board, the Township Board, and a member of the Harmony Presbyterian Church of Hurley. He was also a active member of the American Legion Post of Hurley.

Surviving are the immediate family of his wife, Christine, one son Tom, Viborg, South Dakota; three daughters, Carol Veen, LeMars, Iowa; Kay Sweitzer, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Lisa Peterson, Hurley, South Dakota. There are four grandchildren, Danielle Sweitzer, Christie and Nathan Veen, and Sara Lehmann.

Also to cherish his memory are his parents Albert and Edna, Hurley; three brothers, Lester, Hurley; Eugene, Renton, Washington; and Dale, Freeman; two sisters, Marcene Scott, Parker; and Vernelle Larson, Viborg. There are a number of nephews, neices, cousins and a host of friends who will cherish his memory.

A brother, Kenneth, preceded him in death, the result of a tragic accident.

Services were held at Harmony Presbyterian Church on June 21, 1982, with Rev. Ronald Hawkins officiating. Kristy Gross was organist and Robert Sanborn as soloist with Mrs. Sanborn as accompanist. Two favorite songs of Laverne were sung by Robert - "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art."

Honorary pallbearers were - Lars Godsk, Harry Lee Smidt, Sam Lakings, Lee Hall, William Spomer, Raymond Almond, and Gordon Farrar.

Active pallbearers were - Harry Sandstrom, Richard Hall, James Georgeson, Donald Herman, Donald Spomer, and James Brunner. Ushers were - Boyd Benson, Sidney Elcock, Don Gross and O.C. Goodhope.

The body was laid to rest in Hurley Cemetery with Hurley American Legion committal rites.