

Obituary
Leonard F. Weber

Leonard Fred Weber, of Friend, was born August 11, 1918 near Friend to Fred C. and Lillie (Bruntz) Weber and died Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at BryanLGH West Medical Center in Lincoln at the age of 88 years 11 months and 13 days. He was baptized in the United Methodist Church at Friend and lived with his family on a farm south of Friend, attending rural school and later Friend Public Schools. In 1942 Leonard enlisted in the US Army, served during WWII where he received the Purple Heart and many other medals and awards before his discharge in 1946.

After his discharge he farmed northeast of Friend and was united in marriage to Loretta West of Valparaiso. To this union a son, James and a daughter, Charlotte were born. Later, Leonard moved with his family to a farm near Wilber where he continued to farm and also work for Crete Mills. Retiring from farming and Crete Mills in 1984, Leonard lived for a time in Beaver Crossing and then he moved to Friend.

Leonard was a member of the United Methodist Church, and was a permanent member of the Ford-Banka American Legion Post #183, both Friend. He also was a member of the American Federation of Grain Millers Local #80 and the VFW Post #4959, both of Crete. Leonard enjoyed his family and spending time outdoors fishing and working in his garden. He often had coffee with former co-workers from the Mill and several veterans groups.

He is survived by his special friend, Gladys Messman, Lincoln, son and daughter-in-law, James and Connie Weber, Seward, daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Duane Tenopir, Wilber, five grandchildren, Lyn Tenopir, Donna Behrends and special friend Stacey Hahn, Anita Novotny and husband Dan, Tiffany Batenhorst and husband Mike, Heidi Weber and special friend Chris Wright, two great-granddaughters, Bridget Behrends, Melody Novotny, sister and brother-in-law, Deloris and Don Burda, Sunnyvale, Calif., sister-in-law, Alta Weber, Dorchester, special cousin, Warren Weber and his wife Joan, Lincoln (who Leonard loved as a brother), several nieces and one nephew and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother at the time of his birth, his father and step-mother, Selma, brothers, Ivan and Stanley and a sister-in-law, Miriam.

A Funeral Service was held at 2:30 pm on Friday, July 27, 2007 at the United Methodist Church in Friend with Rev. Paixao Baptista officiating. Interment was in Andrew Cemetery, Friend with military services conducted by American Legion Post #183. Visitation was at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend, on Thursday and Friday with the family greeting friends and relatives from 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Memorials have been established and are directed in care of the family. Pallbearers were Lyn Tenopir, Marty Weber, John Stewart, Dan Novotny, Paul Huber, Warren Weber and Mike Batenhorst. Honorary Pallbearers were Don and Ralph Carlson, Les Weber and Lt. Col. David Rhoads. Charlene Huber, organist, played the prelude and postlude music. Brent Katz, soloist, was accompanied by his mother, Eileen on the piano as he sang "How

Great Thou Art” and “Amazing Grace”. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend.