

## Lauren E. Kersten, 58

Lauren Ellis Kersten, son of Edward and Martha Schuelzky Kersten, was born May 24, 1923, on a farm near Mo. Valley. He grew to adulthood on the family farm, attended school in Magnolia, graduating from Magnolia high school in 1941. He then attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, for one year. He then returned to help on the family farm.

On Jan. 16, 1949, he married Donna Lockling at the First Christian church in Co. Bluffs. Seven children were born to this union. After their marriage, he continued to farm while also attending classes at the Univ. of Neb. in Omaha and teaching school in Magnolia. In 1954, they made their home in Co. Bluffs, where he taught, coached and became the first Principal at Lewis Central elementary school. While living in Co. Bluffs, he continued to attend classes at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree and later his Master's Degree in School Administration. In the summer of 1966, they moved to Harlan, where he had been appointed Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the Harlan School system and in 1967, he was appointed Director of Transportation. He held this position until 1970, when he became Director of Elementary Education as well as Director of Special Education and Title I. This was his position when he became ill in May of 1981.

He was a member as well as an Elder of the Christ Church of Harlan. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Southwest Iowa Mental Health Board, pres.

of the Southwest Ia. elementary and middle school principal's assoc., member and candidate for state office of the Ia. Assoc. of Elementary and Middle School Principal's Assoc., member of the Nat'l. Assoc. of Elementary and Middle School Principal's, member of the Board of Directors of the Dakota Bible college in Huron, So. Dak., Secretary of the Big Brothers of Southwest Ia., member of the Shelby County Assoc. for Retarded Citizens, a member of the International Reading Association and a member and the Pres. Elect of the Kiwanis club of Harlan.

He died at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha, Neb. on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1981 at the age of 58 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Lloyd, who died in service. Survivors include his wife, Donna of Harlan; three sons, Larry and his wife Sandi of Ruskin, Neb., Robert and his wife Beckie of Glenwood and Jerry and his wife Connie of Littleton, Colo.; four daughters, Deborah (Mrs Jon) Barber of Wheatland, Wyo., Julie (Mrs Greg) Roberts of Des Moines, Nancy (Mrs Dave) Carlson of Onawa, and Laura Kersten of Harlan; four grandchildren; three brothers, Kenneth, Karol and Charles Kersten, all of Logan; two sisters, Lois (Mrs Dwane) Field of Harlan and Miriam (Mrs Jim) McCurley of Logan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Harlan high school auditorium on Saturday, Aug. 8, 1981 with Pastor James M. Cunningham of the Florence Christian church in Omaha, and Jim Kelly of the Christ church in Harlan, officiating.

Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Joe Fah and Lowell Sorensen serving as honorary casketbearers and Ron Pethoud, Mike Morgan, Max Edwards, Paul I. Clark, Marvin White and Merlin Buthmann serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan handled the arrangements.

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## Kersten rites at HCHS today

Funeral services for Lauren E. Kersten, director of elementary education and administrative assistant in the Harlan Community Schools, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Saturday) in the Harlan Community High School auditorium. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery.

Kersten, 58, died Tuesday at Bishop Clarkson Memorial Hospital, Omaha, where he had been hospitalized the past several months. Doctors last

spring diagnosed the ailment as a blood disorder.

He is survived by his wife, Donna of Harlan; three sons - Larry of Ruskin, Nebr., Robert of Glenwood, and Jerry of Littleton, Colo.; four daughters - Deborah (Mrs. Jon) Barber of Wheatland, Wyo., Julia (Mrs. Greg) Roberts of Des Moines, Nancy (Mrs. Dave) Carlson of Onawa, and Laura Kersten of Harlan; four grandchildren.

Also, three brothers - Kenneth, Karol and Charles, all of Logan; and two sisters - Lois

(Mrs. Dwane) Field, Harlan,  
and Miriam (Mrs. Jim)  
McCurley, Logan.

A wake service was held at  
7:30 p.m. Friday (Aug. 7) at  
Pauley Funeral Home in  
Harlan.

Family members from out of town who attended funeral services for Lauren Kersten were: Larry Kerstens, Ruskin, Nebr.; Robert Kerstens and son, Glenwood; Jerry Kerstens, Littleton, Colo.; Jon Barbers and Jonnae, Wheatland, Wyo.; Greg Robertses, Des Moines; Dave Carlsons, Whiting; Kenneth Kersten, Karol Kersten, Charles Kersten and James McCurlys and family, Logan;

Jim Kerstens, Keokuk, Ron Kersten, Woodbine, Kirk Kerstens, Merville; Dale McCurly family, Woodbine; Kevin McCurly, Gary and Ann Dowling and sons, Mo. Valley;

Mrs. Moris and Bertha Kersten, Logan; Marcella Shepherd, Omaha;

Merle Kerstens and Vanessa, Naperville, Ill.; Dwight Reyses, Pisgah, Robert Houses, Modale; Connie O'Galun, Dawn and Robin, Modale; Dennis Lulds and sons, Woodward; Bob Birkhards, Omaha; Russ Luld, Onawa; W. A. Locklings, Logan; Ken Locklings, K. D. Locklings and April, Steven Lockling, Hastings, Nebr.; Bob Locklings and sons, Sutton, Nebr.; Mike Snells, Lexington, Nebr.; Robert S. Locklings, Nick and Styphanie, Lawrence Piercys, Mondamin;

Mrs. Lola Shaw, Hinton;  
Byahaguba, Omaha; Rolp Edwards, Tecumseh, Nebr.; Ken Coopers, Mo. Valley, Don Powells, Evelyn Menshing, Logan, Gene Locklings, Julie and Dee Ann of Yale; and Jack Carlsons, Whiting.