

# Harlan fire dept. veteran, Cliff Wigness, dies at 54

Services were Tuesday, April 17, for Harlan businessman and former fire chief, Cliff Wigness, 54, who died Saturday, April 14, at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan after a bout with cancer. He was the owner of the Wigness Machine Shop in Harlan.

Last January he had resigned his position as Harlan's fire chief and was honored for the 31 years he had served as a fireman; 12 of which were as chief and 11 as ass't chief.

In 1967, Wigness received the 'Man of the Years' award from the Harlan Chamber of Commerce, and earlier this year was presented a 'Resolution of Merit Award' from the City of Harlan. He was past commander of the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, American Legion of Harlan; a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 of Harlan, and has served for a time on the Harlan board of education.

Funeral services were held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with burial at the Harlan Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow: Frances; two sons: Jerold and Gordon, both of Harlan; one sister: Mrs Elmer Rehder of

Arkansas, and three grandchildren.

Members of the Harlan Volunteer Fire Dept. served as honorary casket bearers.



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