

## **Leland Smidt, 77**

*April 1, 1921 - Feb. 22, 1999*

**GUTHRIE CENTER** - Leland Alvin Smidt, son of Peter and Anna Lund Smidt, was born April 1, 1921, in Shelby County. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1939. He entered the U.S. Army Nov. 14, 1944, and served his country overseas during WW II until his honorable discharge Nov. 14, 1946. He served with Company C 34th Infantry. Leland lived near Jacksonville.

He married Kathern Nelson Feb. 14, 1947, at Jacksonville. To this union five children were born. They lived in the Guthrie Center area and Montieth before moving into Guthrie Center in 1961. He worked for Flynn Dairy and Prairie Farms before retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Teamsters Union. More recently he has made his home at the Panorama Nursing and Rehab Center since 1994. Feb. 22, 1999, he died at the Guthrie County Hospital at age 77.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Gail. He is survived by his daughter, Lorraine Walker (Turley) of Redfield; sons, Larry Smidt (Valerie) of Adel; Dennis Smidt of Guthrie Center and Mark Smidt of Ames; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sisters, Unice Kemp of Atlantic and Ruth Hansen of Audubon; and a brother, Vernon Petersen of Harlan.

Funeral services were held Feb. 25, 1999, at Beidelman Funeral Home, Panorama, with Eugene Lockling officiating. Burial was in the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Jacksonville. Casket bearers were Charles Beach, Dan Duggan, Heath Smidt, B.J. Conway, Kent Gade and Thomas Walker.