



Lester Bertz

March 28, 1929 - November 19, 2015

Lester L. Bertz, 86, Lexington, Mo., died peacefully at his daughter's home in Kansas City, Thursday, November 19, 2015. Lester was born March 28, 1929, to Carrie E. (Kemple) and Chris R. Bertz on the family farm south of Lexington. He graduated president of the class of 1947 from Lexington High School and then joined his brothers farming in Lafayette County. On July 9, 1950, Lester married Sarah M. Blake in Higginsville, Mo., where they made their home for over 30 years. Two daughters, Martha Jane and Leslie Ann were born from this marriage. Mr. Bertz served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953. He was honorably discharged and awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for injuries sustained during combat. After the war he returned to farming in Higginsville, Norborne, and Lexington. He wed Shirley A. Soendker on Nov. 24, 1988. They made their home in Lexington where they ran a custom upholstery business until retirement. Lester was preceded in death by daughter, Dr. Martha Bertz of Connecticut, his parents, one sister and four brothers. He is survived by his wife Shirley, of the home, daughter, Mrs. Leslie (John) Flagler, three granddaughters, Erin, Caitlin, and Jillian of Kansas City, a brother and sister, Ralph Bertz and Elizabeth Fenner of Lexington, two stepdaughters, four stepsons, their families, and numerous nieces and nephews. Interment service at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at the Veteran's Cemetery in Higginsville. A celebration of Lester's life will follow at Old Town in Lexington. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Park Hill Christian Church in

Kansas City, Lexington VFW Post 4052, or American Legion Post 60.

Previous Events

Graveside

NOV **30**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veteran's Cemetery
20109 MO 13
Higginsville, MO 64037

Tribute Wall



“ *Lester Bertz*

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