



## Leonard L. Thompson

May 7, 1945 - April 18, 2017

LYMAN, NEBRASKA - Funeral services for Leonard L. Thompson, 71, will be held at 10am Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at the Central Church of Christ in Gering, Nebraska with Pastor Lyle Hinebauch officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Morrill, Nebraska. Leonard died at his home in Lyman, Nebraska on April 18, 2017. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to either the Central Church of Christ or the Lyman Volunteer Fire Department. Visitation will be Monday at the funeral from 3pm to 5pm and the casket will be open briefly prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Leonard was born May 7, 1945 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska the son of Leonard A and Mary Elizabeth (Emerson) Thompson. He was the youngest of ten children. He grew up on a farm west and south of Lyman, Nebraska in the Table Mountain area. He attended Huntley, Wyoming public schools, graduating in 1963. He helped farm with his dad until he was inducted into the US Army in March of 1967. He took his basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas and advanced training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. He served in the Republic of Vietnam for eleven months and twenty-nine days. He achieved the rank of Sargent E5 while serving with the 4th Division. He received the Army Commendation Medal for merited service and also the Combat Infantry Badge. He returned to the United States and was stationed at Fort Polk, where he completed his military service of two years. He received his

honorable discharge from the army in March of 1973. After his completion of service with the army, he returned home to Lyman, Nebraska where he farmed with his dad until his folks moved into town. He then continued to farm on his own until 1985 when he moved into Lyman. He was employed as a part time flex clerk at the Lyman Post Office for a number of years before transferring to the Morrill, Nebraska post office, where he was a part time flex and distribution clerk for a few years. He was later assigned to the Scottsbluff Post office as a distribution clerk and completed his postal career of thirty years. He retired from the postal service in May of 2000.

Leonard loved to garden and especially loved the flowers in his garden and enjoyed them. He was a member of the Lyman Christian Church where he held the offices of Sunday School secretary and church treasurer for a number of years. He served on the Village Board of Lyman for four years, the Lyman Volunteer Fire Department where he held the office of secretary for a number of years. He was a member of the Table Mountain Community Club. He became a member of the Central Church of Christ in Gering, Nebraska in 2015.

Leonard is survived by brothers Burdett and family of Sargent, Nebraska, Farish and family of Afton, Wyoming, and Lester of Gering, Nebraska; sisters Sharon Gilmore and family of Springfield, Missouri and Patricia Stone and family of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Mary Thompson; sisters Isma Nab and Idell Bower; brothers Darrell Thompson and Denton Thompson; brothers-in-law Floyd Bower and Robert Nab; and sister-in-law Donna Koza Thompson.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

Morrill, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home  
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-2320  
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Service

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Central Church of Christ  
Gering, NE

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lester and Gloria and the rest of the family,  
So sorry to hear of Leonard's passing. I just was reading the Star  
herald this morning before seeing this.  
On Monday, April 24, I was telling my helper about Leonard's  
Cowboy cookie recipe. She made the cookies yesterday and we  
have really been enjoying them.  
My first memory of Leonard was in the Lyman Christian Church. I  
also remember him working in the Lyman post office. He was  
always soft spoken and very polite. I spoke with him at Gering  
Central last time I was there. He was a faithful man and an  
encouragement to me.  
Praying for you all.  
Linda*

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**Linda Smyth** - April 25, 2017 at 01:23 AM