

Obituary Lester D Dougherty (January 24, 2017, Hastings Tribune)

Hastings, Nebraska, resident Lester D Dougherty, 96, passed away Saturday, January 21, 2017, at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings.

Lester was born September 28, 1920, to Lester W. and Genevieve (Lawson) Dougherty in Shenandoah, Iowa, where he grew up on a farm. He graduated from Coin Consolidated School. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during World War II. Two years were spent in the Atlantic and two years in the Pacific Ocean. After his service he married Kathryn E. Edwards on June 2, 1946. They celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends.

For 27 years he was a Culligan Soft Water dealer, owning businesses in Cozad, Hastings, Red Cloud and Blue Hill.

Lester has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Masons, Scottish Rite, Shriners, VFW and American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ivan.

A loving devoted husband, proud father and grandfather, Les' family included his wife, Kathryn of Hastings; three daughters, Debra (Tom) Johnson of Ames, Iowa; Jane (Robert) Ripper of Aurora, Colorado, and Marcia (John) LaPorte of Denver, Colorado; seven grandchildren, Amanda (Brett) Hoffman, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Ira (Robyn) Johnson, Conifer, Colorado, Ethan Johnson, Lakewood, Colorado, Kathryn Johnson, Lakewood, Susan (Bill) Schlotter, San Francisco, California, Samuel (Jamie) LaPorte, Richmond, Virginia, and Ben LaPorte of Missoula, Montana. There are four great-grandchildren, Noah and Max Hoffman, Finley and Lola Johnson and his sister, Shirley Horel, Chesterfield, Missouri.

A family memorial service will be held at a future date. Apfel Funeral Home in Hastings is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family from [www.apfelFuneralHome.com](http://www.apfelFuneralHome.com).