

Elmer F. Lester

Elmer Franklin Lester, 70, of Beckley, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1994, in a Beckley hospital.

Born July 15, 1924, at Van, he was the son of the late Fred and Chloe Mills Lester.

Mr. Lester was a retired coal miner, last working for Eastern Associated Coal Company, was a member of the UMWA and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member and deacon of the Hollywood Missionary Baptist Church, was a longtime member of the American Bowling Congress and had been a resident of Raleigh County for the greater part of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Bebe Hairfield Lester; three daughters, Frances Nichol of Winston-Salem, N.C., Danita Harston of Sherman, Texas and Pamela Lester of Beckley; two sons, Virgil Joyce of North Port, Ala. and Michael Lester of Sacramento, Calif.; three sisters, Edith Mills of Sophia, Lettie Vorras of Pemberton, Ollie Wiles of Beckley; three brothers, Lundy Mills of Sophia and Howard Lester and Cecil Lester, both of Pemberton; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Calfee Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Samuel Blaylock officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckley.

Friends may call 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Tim Connard, Eugene Blake, James Joyce, Brent Harston, Michael Brown and Mark Nichol.

Arrangements by Calfee Funeral Home, Beckley.