

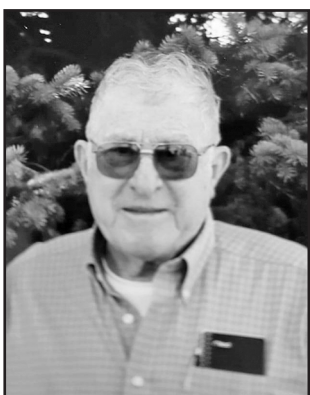
Leonard Mackley

1926 - 2022

Leonard Mackley, 96, of Arnold, Nebraska, passed away on October 30, 2022, at Great Plains Health in North Platte, Nebraska. Leonard was born on October 21, 1926, in Hastings, Nebraska. Leonard was the oldest son of James Christopher Mackley and Emma Margret Smith Mackley. He grew up on his parents' farm south of Arnold, Nebraska. As a child he attended Mackley Country School. He graduated from Arnold High School. Leonard served in the U.S military for two years. On August 6, 1952, he married Virginia Barrett at Merna, Nebraska. To that union were nine children. After Virginia's passing, Leonard met Wanda Nutter of Thedford at the North Platte Senior Center Dance Club. They were married June 3, 2006, and resided in Thedford until 2017 when they moved to North Platte. Leonard farmed and ranched in Arnold for most of his life. He raised purebred hogs and cattle. Leonard loved elk hunting in the mountains and fishing the reservoirs and lakes of Nebraska. He was always up for a good fishing story and sharing his master angler bass pictures. A perfect day for Leonard was taking family out to see his cattle and crops. Leonard made many friendships through his agriculture activities. He was a life-long member of the St. Agnes church in Arnold, Nebraska.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Virginia; brothers, William, Joseph, and Francis; and infant sister Dorthy.

Surviving family members include Barbara Eschelman of Lemoyne, Nebraska; Karen (Terry)



Moran of Amherst, Nebraska; George (Christi) Mackley of Hershey, Nebraska; Phyllis (Burt) Mackley of North Platte, Nebraska; James (Lori) Mackley of Portland Oregon; Dale Mackley of Arnold, Nebraska; Gary Mackley of Arnold Nebraska; Elaine (John) Anderson of North Platte Nebraska; Eleanor (Dan) Arens of Kearney Nebraska; and 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; sister Arline Buchholz of Thornton, Colorado; sisters-in-law: Janet Mackley of Stapleton, Lois Whiteman of Grand Island, Nebraska, Helen (Dick) Strellie of Grand Island, Nebraska; and brothers-in-law: Martin (Rose) Barrett of York, Nebraska, John and Kay Barrett of Omaha, Nebraska, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the St Agnes Catholic Church or Arnold Fire and Rescue.

Funeral Services were Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arnold, Nebraska, with Father Jim Hunt officiating. Burial was in the Arnold Cemetery. Govier Brothers Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.govierbrothers.com.