



## James "Leonard" Messer

July 1, 1929 - July 9, 2018

KNOX-James "Leonard" Messer, 89, passed away Monday, July 9, 2018 at Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth, IN.

Mr. Messer was born July 1, 1929 in Morehead, KY to James C. and Lanna (May) Messer and lived in the area since 1962. On June 25, 1955 in Morehead, KY, he was married to Betty Hogge, who preceded him in death in 1989. On July 4, 1992 in Culver, IN, he was married to Anna Humes, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Sherry (Lloyd) Rosander of Grovertown; two sons, Keith (Evelyn) Messer of Plymouth and Jeff (Carolyn) Messer of Knox; one step-daughter, Lisa (Tommy) Scott of Plymouth; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Betty; one son, Randy Miller; one step-son, Ryan Romine; and 12 brothers and sisters.

Mr. Messer was a U.S. Army veteran and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Hamlet American Legion Post #356 and the Gospel Lighthouse Church of Delong.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. CDT at Rannels Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will follow with military honors at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home

from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the Gospel Lighthouse Church of Delong.

# Cemetery Details

## Fletcher Cemetery

700 E  
Hamlet, IN 46532

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel  
102 W. Davis Street  
Hamlet, IN 46532  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Betty Jett lit a candle in memory of James "Leonard" Messer



Betty Jett - August 10, 2018 at 03:37 PM

GM

“ Gardner May lit a candle in memory of James "Leonard" Messer



Gardner May - July 12, 2018 at 10:48 PM

CW

“ Cindi Koppenhofer Wicks lit a candle in memory of James "Leonard" Messer



Cindi Koppenhofer Wicks - July 12, 2018 at 09:35 AM

AM

“ This was my uncle on my dads side I didn't get to see him very often but when he came down for the reunion me and my dad would spend as much time as we could with him love and miss you always uncle Lenord



arlene layne ( messer) - July 11, 2018 at 11:38 PM

BR

“ *Bridget lit a candle in memory of James "Leonard" Messer*



**Bridget** - July 11, 2018 at 12:53 PM

SR

“ *My heart is breaking for you Dad I miss you so much already. I'm thankful you are no longer in pain now you can rest with the rest of your family you have been asking for I'll bet this is the biggest and best Messer Family Reunion ever. Always know how much I love you ! You were the best dad this girl could ever ask for . Be happy Dad !!*



**Sherry Rosander** - July 11, 2018 at 12:32 PM

DS

“ *Rest In Peace Leonard. You were a wonderful man who raised an great son (Keith) who turned into an amazing father for me. Thank you for your kind and loving heart. You will be dearly missed.*



**Dale Stewart** - July 11, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DR

“ *Deborah Rennie lit a candle in memory of James "Leonard" Messer*



**Deborah Rennie** - July 10, 2018 at 06:40 PM

DR

*He was a great man, am praying for the whole family at their loss.*

**Deborah Rennie** - July 10, 2018 at 06:41 PM

KM

“ *Keith Evelyn Messer lit a candle in memory of James "Leonard" Messer*



**Keith Evelyn Messer** - July 10, 2018 at 06:26 PM

KM

*He was a wonder father. father-in-law grandpa, brother, uncle and friend. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and had so much love to give and so much love in his heart. We will miss him each and every day.*

**Keith Evelyn Messer** - July 10, 2018 at 06:41 PM