

LESLIE ALVIN GEARHART

Newton



Leslie Alvin Gearhart, the son of Spencer and Edna Barnett Gearhart, was born February 18, 1922 in Collins, Iowa. Les graduated from Newton High School in 1941 where he lettered in football, basketball and

track all four years and held a mile run record at Newton High School for 16 years.

On November 25, 1942, Les was united in marriage with Wanda Snook in Bethany, Missouri. Les was a decorated WWII Navy Veteran. He served on the U.S.S. Birmingham Light Cruiser from 1942-1945, which received 9 battle stars while in service.

After leaving the Navy, he served as manager of Snook Inn and along with his wife Wanda, owned and operated the Highway 6 Club and AM Vets Club. He was an owner/operator with North American Van Lines for 24 years and received numerous awards for quality and service.

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He enjoyed restoring and collecting antique cars and he was known for his sense of humor and story telling.

His survivors include his wife, Wanda; his son, Burton C. Gearhart of Garland, Texas; his daughters Debbie Adams of Rock Creek, Iowa, Leslie Gearhart of Des Moines, Iowa, and Judy Chase of Roseburg, Oregon; his sister Lucille Fane of Newton, Iowa, his six grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

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Leslie A. Gearhart, age 81, of Newton, died Sunday, April 12, 2003 at Iowa Veteran's Home in Knoxville, Iowa. Memorial services will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, at Reese Chapel in Newton. No visitation

is planned. The family will greet friends following the memorial service at the Tribute Center in Newton.

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Funeral Home

Newton, Iowa