



## Leithel H. Blackwell

March 14, 1931 - June 16, 2011

Leithel H. Blackwell, 80, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday, June 16th at his residence. He was born on March 14, 1931 the son of Elza and Lula (Lutes) Blackwell in Smithville. He retired from Woolery Stone Mill as a foreman and previously worked as a cutter at the mill. He was a member of the Millworkers Union and the Assembly of God Church. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean (Perry) Blackwell, two daughters and sons-in-law, Valerie and Randy Nikirk and Vicki and Montgomery "Monty" Fowler, all of Bloomington, five grandchildren; Rachel Heady, Matthew Nikirk, Grant Fowler and Hollyn Fowler and one great grandson, Michael Heady. Also surviving is one sister, Pauline Blackketter of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold "Fuzzy" Blackwell and two sisters, Ruth Love and Mabel Vierling, and one

granddaughter, Erin Michelle Nikirk.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old St. Rd. 37 with Rev. Doug Carter officiating. Burial will be at Clover Hill Cemetery where the Veterans Honor Guard will conduct Military Gravesite rites. Friends may call at the funeral home on Sunday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and one hour preceding the services on Monday.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Randy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss.  
You and all your family are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Your former classmate and friend  
Vickie Carter

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**Vickie Carter** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Leithel. Due to our moving around so much over the years with the military I was not able to stay in contact with family members as much as I would have liked. Uncle Leithel and Aunt Jean were the quiet ones of the family.

My sincere sympathy to Aunt Jean, Vikki and Valarie with the passing of Uncle Leithal.

We will try to get down on Monday for the funeral.

Sincerely,  
David & Janet Blackwell

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**David Blackwell** - March 22, 2013 at 08:19 AM