



Alfred "Lester" Poole

May 21, 1922 - October 18, 2016

Alfred "Lester" Poole age 94, of Albia, passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, under the care of HCI Hospice, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Lester was born May 21, 1922, to Byron Fredrick and Grace (DeRosear) Poole in Lee County, Iowa. He graduated from Revere High School in Missouri and attended Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant and later graduated from The Graduate School of Banking in Madison Wisconsin. Lester served his country during World War II in the United States Navy. On February 6, 1943 he married Lois Maxine Gares in Kahoka, Missouri. To this union two children were born, Patty and Stephen.

Lester worked at Goode Seed and Feed in Albia in his younger years, before entering banking, where he worked at Peoples National Bank in Albia for 35 years retiring as Executive Vice President. Lester was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he was proud to be the chairman for the church building committee that helped break ground to form the current Trinity United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Albia School Board, Indian Hills Community College Board of Directors, the American Legion, Howard Cessna post #137, Rotary Club, Astor Lodge #505 and was an active member of the Shriners. He enjoyed reading, being outdoors, hunting, fishing and golfing. His real love in life was spending time with family and friends.

Lester is survived by his wife of 73 years, Lois Poole of Albia; his two children, Patty (John) Judge of Albia and Stephen Poole (Denise StClair) of Des Moines; five grandchildren, Douglas (Heather) Judge, Dien (Steva) Judge, Joseph (Betsy) Judge, Sean Poole and Spencer Poole; four great grandchildren, Catrina, Anne, Aidan and Millie. Lester is also survived by a brother, Allen (Ruth) Poole and a sister Margaret Thompson, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Byron and Grace.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 21, 2016, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2016, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Lester's family present from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Masonic Rites provided by Astor Lodge #505 will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials have been established to Welcome Home Soldier Memorial or to the Albia Public Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ Alfred "Lester" Poole

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Alfred "Lester" Poole

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Your friends at Iowa Wesleyan University extend sincere sympathy on the loss of Lester.

The Office of Alumni Relations - October 26, 2016 at 12:31 PM

KD

“ We were surprised and saddened to hear of Lester's passing. He was a wonderful man and enjoyed helping our community. Mom remembers Lester from the bank and I went to school with his son, Stephen. Stephen played the trumpet in band and I played the clarinet. We enjoyed all those band trips - good memories! Mom was out at Homestead Living for awhile when Lester and Lois were there and we enjoyed our visits together so much! We got to see Patty more often too when she would visit her mom and dad. It was fun to catch up on old times! Mom would play the piano for the residents on occasion and Lester would always lighten up and tap his hand to the beat when she played a Glenn Miller band tune, 'In the Mood'.

Our hearts go out to Lois and her family at this time. Treasure all the great memories.

With caring thoughts,

Wilma Templer and Karen (Templer) Deimerly

karen deimerly - October 22, 2016 at 12:16 PM

LB

“ Some of the best memories I have as a child growing up in Albia, is living across the street from the Poole family. The house was always open to Patty & Stephen's friends. Lester would quietly put up with we giggling girls. Though it has been many years since I moved from Albia, I will always have fond memories of Lester. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Leslie Booth

Leslie Booth - October 21, 2016 at 02:45 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred "Lester" Poole.*



October 20, 2016 at 01:29 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Alfred "Lester" Poole.*



October 19, 2016 at 08:36 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Lana - October 19, 2016 at 03:40 PM



I will always cherish my talks with Lester while at Homestead. He will be deeply missed. Thoughts and prayers to Lois and the rest of the Poole family.

Lana Sohn

Lana - October 19, 2016 at 03:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfred "Lester" Poole.



October 19, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ My sympathy and prayers to all of you. I know the loss will leave a huge void in your family circle, but he is in a better place looking down at all of you! He was a great man and a good friend!

Kate Brock - October 19, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ Patty, John and Family, We express sympathy on your loss. We hope many years of good memories will be your treasure. Bill and Marcie Frevert and Family

Marcie Frevert - October 19, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfred "Lester" Poole.



October 19, 2016 at 11:18 AM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time..sending special hugs to all..*
Deb Ballalatak



Deb Ballalatak - October 19, 2016 at 07:11 AM