

Harold LuVelt Lasley December 21, 1925 - March 12, 2012

Harold LuVelt Lasley was born in Kettle Island, Ky., to Frank and Mattie Lasley. He was married to Eva Belle (Peyton) Lasley on May 2, 1946.

He is survived by Eva; daughter, Linda Steinbrenner (Art) and son, Andrew Lasley (Macie); grandchildren, Heather Veazie (Mark), Holly Herrmann, Frank Lasley (Susan), and Andrea Riker (Jared); and seven great-grandchildren, Andrew and Aaron Veazie, Devon, Nicholas and Isaiah Riker, and Cody and Isabella Lasley.

Harold served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to April 30, 1967, serving both in infantry (enlisted and officer), and later as a Signal Corps Officer, retiring as a lieutenant colonel from Fort Hayes in Columbus, Ohio.

His decorations included the Bronze Star Medal (V) with Oak Leaf Cluster and the distinguishing Combat Infantry Badge. His service spanned the latter part of the Pacific Campaign of World War II, the Korean War, assignments in Okinawa, Japan, Munich, Germany, and multiple assignments in the United States including Fort Huachuca from 1957-1960.

After his retirement from the Army, Harold and Eva established their new home in St. David, Ariz., arriving in July 1967. Harold and Eva still maintain their home there, and have been active in the community and in civic affairs.

Harold served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of St. David and later in Benson Heights Baptist Church in Benson.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the St. David Water Association and served on the board for 20 years. He and Eva were charter supporters of the Good Samaritan Society Quiburi Mission nursing home in Benson.

He was a Past Master and life member of San Pedro Lodge 55, F&AM and a 32nd degree 50-year member of the Tucson Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

Services will be held March 19, 2012, at Benson Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. David Morris officiating. Visitation is at 9 a.m. with the service at 10 a.m. Interment will be at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Fort Huachuca. Service at 1 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Richardson's Remembrance Center, Benson Mortuary.