

George Larsen

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Retired Sergeant Major George Larsen died Sunday, February 22, 2015, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Mr. Larsen was retired from the U. S. Army.

George was born April 28, 1930, in Grinnell, Iowa. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1948. He was preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Margaret.

George enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1948, serving in the Korean War as Sergeant Major of separate battalions, including the 204th Field Artillery Battalion, earning the Korean Service medal with two battle stars. George retired from the Army on 1 August 1971 as a Sergeant Major after 23 years of service. He immediately went to work for the Fort Knox Federal Credit Union and retired after more than 20 years as Branch Manager in Radcliff.

George was very active in the community. For 15 years he helped children and youth through the Optimist Club. He was awarded a Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. George also assisted in helping individuals with their sight and hearing through the North Hardin Lions Club, becoming President of the Club. George was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community. He was on the Board of Directors of North Hardin Hope for five years assisting families in need in the area. He held many positions and committee memberships in the American Legion at the National, State, District and Post levels. George held most of the Post offices to include Post Commander of American Legion Hardin Post 113 five times. He was the Chairman of the annual Memorial Day Program at American Legion Park in Elizabethtown for many years; he was recognized for obtaining over 100 members per year for 24 years in the American Legion; and he was instrumental in the success of the Legion Boys State programs in Hardin County. George was a Charter Member of VFW Post 10281, and a Past Post Commander of VFW Post 5904 where he was Quartermaster/Adjutant for the Post for more than 10 years. He was Past Chef de Gare of 40&8 Voiture 1387 providing scholarships for college for nursing degrees. George was also a member of AUSA, TREA, AMVETS, Korean War Association, and the Sergeants Major Association.

George is survived by a special friend, Mary Ann Miller, his many friends throughout the community, and his American Legion Family.

The funeral is at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015 in the chapel of Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home, 2072 South Dixie Blvd., Radcliff, KY. Burial with military honors follows at North Hardin Memorial Gardens, South Logsdon Parkway, in Radcliff. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 25, 2015, and continued at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. There was an American Legion/40&8 Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the American Legion Boys State Program, American Legion Hardin Post 113, P O Box 147, Elizabethtown, KY 42702.

