

Leland Tratchel, 85, Killduff

Leland Tratchel, 85, of Killduff passed away April 24, 2006. A private family burial was held at the Vandavia Cemetery in rural Prairie City. Memorials can be given to Camp Courageous.

Leland was born Feb. 17, 1921, in rural Newton to Rex



L. Tratchel

and Bertha (Hammer) Tratchel. He has been a resident of Killduff since he was two years old. He graduated from Newton High School in 1939.

Leland married Dorothy Inez

Miller on Sept. 16, 1943, in Ivy. Leland was a blacksmith, owned and operated Tratchel Repair Shop in Killduff. He served his country in the US Army during WWII, and took part in the D-Day Normandy invasion, receiving the purple heart and bronze star.

Leland is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Killduff; three sons: Carl Tratchel of Waterloo, Jack Tratchel of Iowa City, Lee (Mary) Tratchel of Galesburg; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters: Maudie Wyss of Florida, and Donav Hopkins of Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Bruce Tratchel.

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