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Nov. 2, 1929 – May 20, 2019

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On March 6, 1955, in Mentone, he married Norene J. Bibler. She survives.

Lee was a farmer and a businessman. In 1965, he started his own business, Lee E. Norris Construction and Grain Company Inc., which specialized in designing and selling industrial and agricultural dryers. Through the years that business would become Norris Thermal Technologies Inc. of Tippecanoe where four generations of his family have worked.

He graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1947. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War in artillery guidance. He was very active in the Mentone First Baptist Church. He served the church as Sunday school superintendent, trustee, deacon, a teacher and a youth leader. He also served the community on the Tippecanoe Valley School Board from 1978 to 1982.

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Survivors include his wife, Norene Norris, Mentone; his daughters, Connie S. Hunsberger (Mick Bowers), Mentone, Cynthia Jo Miller, Claypool, and Angela Lea Butler (Jeff Mesaros), Syracuse; his sons, Daniel and wife Dawn Norris, Mentone, and Aaron and wife Nicole Norris, Mentone; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Dora Norris; his sister, Lillie Rookstool; his brother-in-law, Robert D. Norris; and his son-in-law, Brooks Butler.

His funeral service is 2 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2019, at the First Baptist Church, 206 S. Oak St., Mentone, with the Rev. Michael Wilhite and Rev. George Shoemaker officiating. Burial will be in the Mentone Cemetery with graveside military rites being performed by the Warsaw American Legion. Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2019, at the Mentone First Baptist Church.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the CMA or the Mentone First Baptist Church. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

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