

In Memory of Lawrence John Riedmann

Lawrence, or Lory as he was called, was born August 5, 1930 on Al and Frances' 11th wedding anniversary. He attended St. Patrick's Grade School and South High School. He drove a truck and delivered pop for his dad.

He enlisted in the Army in 1948 and was recalled to active duty during the Korean War on September 28, 1950. Lory was 20 years old. He served with the 2nd Division, 23rd Infantry Reg. He was shipped to Korea on December 23rd as a rifleman. He arrived in

Korea on January 1, 1951, shortly after the American retreat from the Chosin Reservoir. He was killed in action on March 8, 1951 during the UN counterattack to push the Communist Chinese forces back to the 38th parallel.

Al and Frances were notified by telegram on April 8th. Al was at work at the pop plant at 13th and Jones. He received the wire there. The person who delivered the telegram to Al stayed while he opened it and made sure he was okay before he left the plant. Al called his daughter Frannie and asked her to go down to be with her mom at the house at 504 Martha. He then called the kids and told them about Lory. He asked that they wait until he went home and told Frances himself. The minute he walked in the door Frances knew it was about Lory. Al was white.

Lory's body was returned to the United States. A Mass for him was held at St. Patrick's Church on 14th and Castelar. He was taken to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where a Requiem High Mass was held. He is buried in the base cemetery at Fort Leavenworth, grave 300 C Station B. His name can be also found on the Korean War Memorial at Memorial Park in Omaha. Lory posthumously was awarded a Purple Heart. His brother Lou now keeps the flag that was draped over his casket.