

Lawrence Lewis “Pinky” Lane

BIRTH 18 Nov 1896

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 5 Feb 1971 (aged 74)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

MEMORIAL ID 29564441



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WWI Veteran



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Lawrence Lewis "Pinkie" Lane was born Nov. 18, 1896 on a farm north of Hoopeston, IL, the 2nd of 6 children of Charles and Sarah Crystal "Sadie" (Gimmaka) Lane. His siblings were Harry Leroy born 1894, Neva Venitta born 1900, Millard Sherman born 1908, Alberta Mildred "Bertie" born 1910, and Edith Deloris born 1911. He grew up in Hoopeston and lived there all of his life except for two years (1909 - 1911) when the family lived in Mustang, OK. He was named "Lewis" after both his mother's older brother, Lewis Gimmaka, and his great grandfather, Lewis Lane, who was a decorated soldier in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812.

He was working as a Machinist at Food Machinery Co. when he enlisted in the Army in July, 1917 to serve in WWI. He served with many other Hoopeston men in Co. B, 33rd Division (the "Prairie Division"), Scout Section, of the Illinois 129th Infantry, and was in combat much of 1918 in France, Belgium, and Germany. He was wounded by poison gas in two battles during the Meuse-Argonne offensive in October of 1918, and had health problems the rest of his life.



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In 1921 he married Nellie Fern Carr in Hoopeston, but sadly she died on Dec. 28, 1922 of complications related to pregnancy. Three years later, on Oct. 21, 1925, he married Anna Alice Anderson of Wellington. He and Anna had one child, Brownie Virginia, born Nov. 30, 1926. Brownie married James R. Kaag in 1946 and they had two children: Cindy in 1950 and Jane in 1952.

Pinkie was employed as a Master Machinist and Tool Maker at the Food Machinery Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 1953. He then served as Grant

Township Road Commissioner from 1953 - 1965 and as a Special Deputy Sheriff for Vermilion County from 1955 - 1965. He retired September 7, 1965.

Pinkie died Feb. 5, 1971, 4:45 pm, at the Nursing Home Care unit of the Veterans Administration hospital in Danville, IL, where he had been a patient since July 12, 1968. Funeral services were conducted Feb.8, 1971 at the Wood Funeral home with Rev. Harry Elwood of the First Christian Church officiating. Mrs. Verna Neitzey played organ music. Pallbearers were Louis Thaden, Harry Pierce, Verne Sheppard, Elmer Probasco, Gene Bell, and Paul McCreary. Military services were conducted by the Ira Owen Kreager American Legion Post 384.

Survivors at the time of his death included his wife, Anna Alice Lane, his daughter Brownie Virginia Kaag and her husband James, his granddaughters Cindy and Jane Kaag, two sisters, Mrs. Edith Vance (Hoopeston) and Mrs. Neva Fix (Phoenix, AZ), and one brother, Millard (Hoopeston). He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Ira Owen Kreager American Legion Post 384.

Family Members

Parents



Charles Elsworth Lane
1867–1938



Sarah Crystal *Gimmaka* Lane
1870–1946

Spouses



Nellie Fern *Carr* Lane
1902–1922 (m. 1921)



Anna Alice *Anderson* Lane
1900–1985 (m. 1925)

Siblings



Harry Leroy Lane
1894–1947



Millard Sherman Lane
1908–1973