

Lyle Bruce Blackledge, son of Frank Stanley (1891-1971) and Hazel Fay (Gates) (1894-1991) Blackledge, was born 8 May 1932, Michigan. He graduated in 1950 from Okemos High School.

Lyle, who never married, worked for the US Government for decades. By 1965 he was titled as a Field Auditor in Michigan employed by the Selective Service System.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Sunday 19 September 1965

Current Selective Service procedures brought more than 100 Selective Service officials and draft board members from 14 counties to an all-day area conference at the Battle Creek Federal Center auditorium Tuesday.

The morning briefing was devoted to indoctrination on operations and procedures. Col. Arthur A. Holmes, state director of Selective Service, briefed both draft board members and officials during the afternoon session, which was followed by a question - and - answer discussion. Also attending from the state were Col. W. J. Myers, deputy state director; Lt. Col. Robert W. Lundquist, operations officer; Maj. Eugene L. Brunk, head of the liaison section and for the Detroit branch office; and **Lyle B. Blackledge**, field auditor, all of Lansing.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 29 June 1966

SELECTIVE SERVICE HONORS 19

Awards for "superior performance" were presented to 19 Lansing area employees of the Selective Service System at a staff conference today.

1950 Okemos Tomahawk



Col. Arthur A. Holmes, state director, presented commendation letters and checks covering cash awards to the following employees in recognition of their "superior work performance during the critical period of expanded Selective Service operations during the past year."

.....**Lyle B. Blackledge**.....

Lyle retired about 1997. He had a career of many outstanding accomplishments, but fortunately for us, his lasting achievement was to research and co-author [A History of Okemos Methodist/Community Church](#) published in 1996. The publication is a detailed and rich treasure trove of the history of the Community Church and the Okemos area. He died 25 November 2014, age 82, and was interred Glendale Cemetery, Okemos, Ingham County.



Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Tuesday 2 December 2014

LYLE BRUCE BLACKLEDGE

EAST LANSING

Went home to be with his Lord and Savior on November 25, 2014, at the age of 82. He was born May 8, 1932 to Frank and Hazel Blackledge. Lyle worked 35 years for the federal government in the selective service system and the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board. He joined Okemos Community Church in 1944.

Lansing State Journal, January 9, 1945

A number of new members were received into the Community church during the holiday season. By transfer were Miss Evelyn Peterson from Geneva, Ill.; Miss Mable Double from North Adams, Mrs. Esther Antcliff and Josephine from Potterville circuit. Those who had spent six weeks in the training class in a study of Christian obligations and church history joined on confession of faith and were as follows: Richard Benne, Mackie Black, Lyle Blackledge, Gordon Delamarter, Howard Antcliff, Kester Antcliff, and Mrs. Mamie Antcliff.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Robert (Per), Franklin (Fay) and sister, Mildred. He is survived by nieces Elaine (Duane) Wagner, Judy Blackledge; nephews Dean (Lilah) Blackledge, Don Wagner, Larry Andrick, and Roger Andrick; numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on December 6, 2014, 1:00 pm at Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI, with Pastor Rick Blunt officiating.