

## Obituary

George Wilbur "Pete" Lang, son of Jesse David and Anna Mae Purple Lang, was born on September 6, 1904, in Covington, Indiana. He was the eldest son, the second of eleven children. Wilbur and his family lived in Indiana, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Northern Iowa before moving to farms in Southwest Iowa.

On June 16, 1928 Wilbur was united in marriage to Ora Iola Miller at Sidney, Iowa. They resided in Shenandoah following their marriage and raised six children. Wilbur "Bill", Jerry, Tom, Don, Ron and Linda. For many years they lived in Shenandoah, working for Mount Arbor Nurseries before moving to the 101 Dairy in 1942. He then worked for Stuart Martin and Jesse McIntyre until moving back to Shenandoah in 1958, where he worked for Johnson Brothers Mills before retiring. Following retirement he kept busy in the fall hauling corn and beans and also worked part-time for Henry Fields for several years.

Wilbur became a member of the First Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church in 1932. The First Christian Church has always been an important part of his life. He served the church in many capacities and attended worship services faithfully until his health failed. In 1998 he received the Deacon Emeritus Award for his many years of service. He and Ora were instrumental in helping with the Food Pantry distributing groceries to those less fortunate and delivering hot meals to shut-ins. He lived at Forest Park Manor for several years and moved to Garden View Care Center in November of 1998. While at Garden View he enjoyed playing bingo, attending church services and musical programs. Wilbur was a loving husband, father and a loyal witty friend. He had a caring spirit which touched all who met him.

Preceding Wilbur in death were his parents; his wife Ora on March 21, 1980; his brothers, Clarence, Edgar, Paul; and his sisters, Wreatha, Mildred, Marie, and Louise. Survivors include his five sons, Wilbur "Bill" and his wife Maxine of Tarkio, MO., Jerry and his wife WillaDean of Humboldt, IA., Tom and his wife Wanda of Prescott Valley, AZ., Don and his wife Marilyn of Round Rock, TX., Ron and his wife Barbara of Davenport, IA.; one daughter Linda Hopkins and her husband Joe of Georgetown, TX.; two brothers, Myron and his wife Ardythe of Lincoln, NE., and Merle and his wife Ruth of Sioux City, IA.; one sister Leanna Perry of Blockton, IA. 20 grandchildren; 51 great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren; special friend Ola Custer ; other relatives and many friends.