

Name Merton Goodrich

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*In Loving Memory*



"Gabby"

**Merton E. Goodrich**

*Born*

September 1, 1922  
Red Oak, Iowa

*Entered Into Rest*  
February 25, 2005  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Age*

82 years, 5 months, 24 days



*Memory Register:*  
Marvis Stephens

*Caring for flowers*  
Betty Briggs  
Vicky Briggs

**Obituary**

Merton E. Goodrich was born September 1, 1922, in Red Oak Iowa, to Arthur Goodrich and Lena (Falcke) Goodrich. He passed away February 25, 2005 at the Shenandoah Medical Center in Shenandoah, Iowa at the age of 82. At an early age he moved between Red Oak and Creston, Iowa. He attended grade school in Creston, Iowa, later attending and graduating from Red Oak High School in 1941. His senior year Merton was honored by being selected as an all state player in football. After graduation from high school he planned on attending the University of Iowa and playing football but due to his service to his country he entered the U.S. Army serving from September 12, 1942, until February 4, 1946. He served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theaters of combat. In March of 1950 he was united in marriage to Mildred Maxwell in Omaha, Nebraska. After their marriage they made their home in Shenandoah. Gabby farmed for over 20 years along with operating Skateland Roller Rink since 1950 until the present, with his wife Mildred. Gabby enjoyed people of all ages, raising generation after generation of area children at the skating rink. Gabby's other interests were sports especially University of Iowa football and basketball. He enjoyed playing golf and was proud of his "hole in one." He loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and driving the countryside conversing with farmers, particularly John Carlson and the Johnson Brothers. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post #88, Roller Skating Association International and Elk Lodge # 1122.

Preceding Merton in death were his parents, brother, Dale Goodrich and sister Dixie Fast. Survivors include his wife Mildred Goodrich of Shenandoah; two daughters, Marcia Volker and her husband Curt, Mary Ann Goodrich-Keep and husband Scott of Omaha, Nebraska; grandson Matthew Volker of Shenandoah; nephews, Larry Goodrich of Cherokee, Iowa, Denny Goodrich of Stanton, Iowa, Mick Goodrich, Randy Goodrich, and Jerry Goodrich all of Creston, Iowa, their spouses and children along with many friends.

Following the service at the cemetery, everyone is cordially invited to the First United Methodist Church in Shenandoah for fellowship and refreshments with the family downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

Services entrusted to:

*Funeral Services from*  
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home  
Shenandoah, Iowa  
Monday, February 28, 2005  
One O'clock

*Words of Comfort*  
Rev. James Gubser

*Musical Selections*  
'On Eagle's Wings'  
'Good Night Sweet Heart'

*Honorary Casket Bearers*

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| Larry Goodrich | Denny Goodrich |
| Mick Goodrich  | Randy Goodrich |
| Jerry Goodrich | Howard Johnson |
| Ray Dailey     | Harvey Pelster |
| Bill Stephens  | Terry Johnson  |
| Dick Johnson   | Harvey Jonson  |

*Casket Bearers*

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| Curt Volker  | Scott Keep       |
| Steve Volker | Kenith Rowe      |
| John Carlson | Lindsey Stephens |

*Military Rites*

American Legion Post #88  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Interment*

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa