In Loving Memory



Darrell L. "Rosy" Knittle

Born
September 7, 1912
Shenandoah, Iowa
Entered Into Rest
May 14, 2005
Shenandoah, Iowa

Age
92 Years, 8 Months, 7 Days

Life Celebration 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 18, 2005 United Methodist Church Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort Reverend James Gubser

> Eulogy Gregg Connell

Memory Register Verla Christenson Pianist
Becky Hoenshel

Soloist Stan Orton

Musical Selections
"Just A Closer Walk With Thee" (Stan Orton)
"How Great Thou Art" (Congregation)

Ushers
Jim Sligar - Dave Tackett

Casket Bearers
Tom Brodersen - Greg Connell
Denny Knittle - Rob Rea - Scott Wilson

Honorary Bearers
Darrell Bettis - Ernie Blank
Walt Duffy - W. T. Lorimor, Jr.
Franklin "Bus" Palm - Larry Randolph

Final Resting Place Rose Hill Cemetery Shenandoah, Iowa

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

D. L. "Rosy" Knittle

Darrell Laird "Rosy" Knittle, age 92, the son of William A. and Pearl M. (Laird) Knittle was born September 7, 1912, at Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away May 14, 2005, in Shenandoah.

Growing up in Shenandoah Rosy graduated from high school in 1930. During his school years he worked as a sweep-out boy at Frank Noble's Bakery, J.C. Penny's, the shoe store, Montgomery Ward's and in the summer he worked in the nurseries. After high school he worked for a year and then attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa.

Being somewhat of a historian he often told of the depression remembering when farmers received 15-cent corn and the price dropped to 10 cents in 1932. He saw bread sell for 10 cents a loaf and milk for 10 cents a quart. A good grade of hamburger sold for 15 cents a pound. He remembered working for 10 cents an hour. Between 1932 and 1939 he served in the Iowa Army National Guard. After college in 1932 he worked at Earl Mays until 1935. On September 10, 1935, Rosy was united in marriage to Gretchen Engelke from Sidney, Iowa, and to this marriage Judith and Steven were born.

Rosy then went to work for his dad who bought a "mom and pop" grocery store (Knittle's) on Church Street and stayed for 38 years. At the age of 60 Rosy went back to school and received his real estate license, selling real estate for 20 years. From 1974 to 1983 he served as the local magistrate judge. He claimed that he had to retire three times before learning how.

Rosy was a member of the United Methodist Church, a 56 year member of Shenandoah Elks Lodge #1122, served on the Shenandoah Library and School Boards and served as president of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He enjoyed traveling with Gretchen, those special times with his family and in later years playing golf.

Preceding Rosy in death were his parents; son, Steven Knittle; sister, Marjory Embree; brothers, Duane and William Knittle plus two infant brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Gretchen of Shenandoah; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Elson Heggen of Red Oak, Iowa. Also surviving are grandchildren and their spouses, Rob and Kathy Rea of Omaha, Nebraska, Sherry and Scott Wilson of Omaha, Michael and Pat Knittle of El Cajon, California and Stephanie Alridge of Kansas City, Kansas; plus other relatives and friends.

Services Entrusted to Selby Funeral Chapel, Shenandoah, Iowa