

Obituary

Frank Silas Payne, son of Lyman Warner and Marie Antoinette De Voss Payne, was born on June 13, 1902, in Allendorf, Iowa. Following high school graduation he attended Aberdeen Normal School. In 1926 Frank was united in marriage with Mabelle Willis. They lived in Doland and Hitchcock, South Dakota, where Frank operated a gas station. In 1938 the couple moved to Sheldon, Iowa, where he was a distributor for Sinclair Oil, transferring to Shenandoah in 1943 where he continued as a distributor for Sinclair Oil. After thirty years he retired from Sinclair. He didn't like retirement so he sold cars, worked as a night watchman, and as a sales manager for mobile veterinarian clinics on the east coast. He also worked for Earl Mary Seed and Nursery Company and gathered weather information for KMA. Frank enjoyed music and he joined a foursome of harmonica players called "The Harmonicers" and they entertained care centers in the area. Later he formed the Ding-A-Ling kitchen band with a group of friends from the Shenandoah Senior Citizens and they also entertained at care centers. At a ceremony in Council Bluffs in March 1992, Governor Terry E. Branstad crowned Frank with the title of King of Southwest Iowa Senior Citizens. He was also well known for his letters to the editor which were published frequently in the Shenandoah Evening Sentinel. Frank was a member of First United Methodist Church of Shenandoah and the Masons of which he is a 32-degree member.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife Mabelle and a daughter, Beulah Daub. He is survived by two daughters, Fern Andrew of Des Moines, Iowa, and Shirley Payne of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, nine grandchildren, Patti Resare, Dean Andrew, Alan Andrew, Cindy Payne, Brian Daub, Bill Daub, Bruce Daub, Elizabeth Smith and Barbara Meyers, fourteen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

Following the services at the cemetery you are cordially invited to the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for a time of refreshment and fellowship with the family.