

## Obituary

Donald Charles Fienup was born on April 23, 1931, at the Hand Community Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa. He was the second son born to Charles and Sophia Fienup. His first home was in Grant Township, section 14, where he attended Science Ridge Country School and later graduated in 1948 from Shenandoah Community High School. On September 23, 1950, he married Phyllis Jane Almquist in the Evangelical Covenant Church in Essex, Iowa. Their first home was south of Shenandoah on a farm owned by his parents. In 1951 their first child, Steven Lynn, was born. In 1955, daughter Nancy Ann was born and they moved to their present farm home four miles east of Shenandoah. The farm, having been purchased first by Donald's great-grandmother's brother, Fred Friesz, has become a century farm.

Early in Don's life he enjoyed bowling, fishing and hunting. Playing pool was also a passion of his. He was well known by many to be one of the better snooker players in the area. After the arrival of grandchildren, watching them participate in their activities and sports became high on his list. He enjoyed the grandchildren riding with him in the tractor and playing numerous card games with the entire family. Boating and water skiing with friends and family were also favorite pastimes. Vacations to Spirit Lake and later to Lake of the Ozarks with the grandchildren were special times. He took pride in the fact that he taught his son, daughter, grandchildren and many others how to water ski. He especially enjoyed golfing with his wife in Arizona during the winter months.

Farming was his life; especially in the spring with new baby calves and freshly planted fields. Bringing his son and son-in-law into the operation gave him satisfaction. He was a seed corn dealer for 31 years for NK. His operation was well kept, earning his peers acceptance. A great believer in conservation, he was an early adapter of terraces and no-till. Donald loved his family and enjoyed the fact that they lived close by. His farming and family activities provided him a wonderful, yet full life.

Donald served seven years in the U. S. Army Reserves, attaining rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, ASCS Committee, and a church council member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Sophia Fienup and wife Phyllis. Surviving are his son Steven and his wife Genene, daughter Nancy and husband Stephen Berning and their three children, Jennifer, Nicholas and Lucas. Also surviving is his brother Dr. Darrell Fienup and his wife Ruth of Michigan and a host of other relatives and friends. Donald passed away April 22, 2001, at his home after a short illness. His birthday wish was granted, as he was able to celebrate his 70th birthday with his wife Phyllis. In lieu of flowers, memorials are being established. He is laid to rest on the 25th day of April, 2001, at Rose Hill Cemetery.