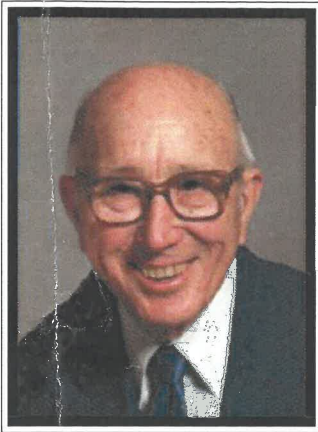


*In  
Loving Memory*



**Forest H. Klepinger**

<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Into Rest</i>
May 20, 1904	December 3, 2005
Essex, Iowa	Omaha, Nebraska

*Age*

101 Years 6 Months 14 Days

*Life Celebration*

11:00 A.M.

Thursday, December 8, 2005  
United Methodist Church  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Words of Comfort*

Reverend John Keenan  
Reverend James Gubser

*Memory Register*

Sue Burchett - Carol Hornbuckle

*Organist*  
Becky Hoenshel

*Congregational Singing*  
"Shall We Gather at the River" page 723  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" page 140

*Ushers*

Fred Cline - Gordon Jones  
Hayden Jones - Jim Sligar

*Casket Bearers*

Eric Klepinger - Kevin Klepinger  
Bill Billings - Bob Burchett - C.E. Hornbuckle

*Scriptures*

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9  
John 11:21-27

*Forest's favorite verse from scripture.*

Philippians 4:3 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

*Final Resting Place*

Rose Hill Cemetery

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O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Forest. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Forest H. Klepinger

Forest Harold Klepinger, age 101, the son of Clinton E. and Maude (Gamble) Klepinger was born May 20, 1904, near Essex, Iowa, and passed away December 3, 2005 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Growing up on the family farm in northwest Page County, Forest lived there until he left for college. He attended Goff Country School from first grade through the seventh grade, Essex schools from eighth grade through high school, graduating in 1922. Forest furthered his education at Simpson College, where he studied business administration.

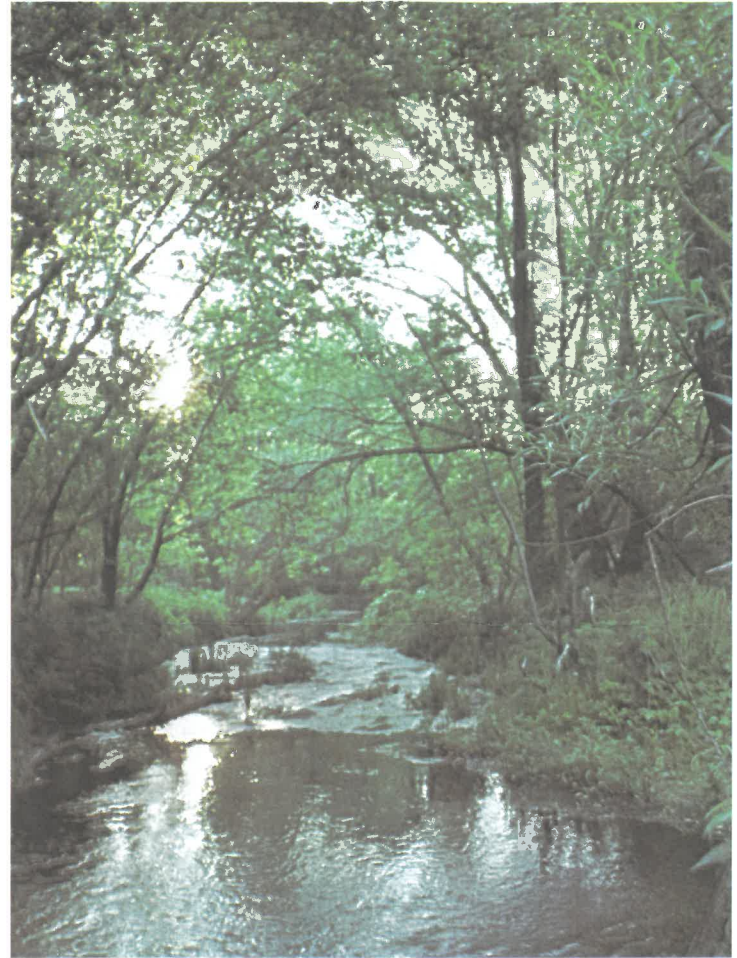
In 1924, Forest started working for Brown's Shoe Fit Company, becoming manager of their new Clarinda, Iowa, store in October of 1929, the month of the stock market crash. One of Forest's customers in Clarinda was a Council Bluffs schoolteacher named Gwenevere Wiley, who shopped at his store when she came home to Clarinda to visit her parents. Forest and Gwen were married on August 27, 1935, and to this marriage Brian and Linda were born. In 1945 the family moved to Shenandoah, Forest worked in the general office of Brown's growing chain of retail shoe stores. He eventually served as president of the company and was chairman of the board of directors at the time of his retirement in 1977. In 1998, after living in Shenandoah for 53 years, Forest and Gwen moved to Immanuel Village retirement center in Omaha, Nebraska. Since December 2003, Forest has resided at a Comfort Care Home in Omaha.

Forest was very active in the First United Methodist Church and the Rotary Club in Shenandoah and was a member of Simpson College President's Society. He was instrumental in initiating Rotary sponsorship of Shenandoah homestay for a group of Japanese high school students each summer for over fifteen years. He was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, received an Alumni Achievement award from Simpson College, and in 1997 was given the Cornerstone Award by the City National Bank of Shenandoah for his contributions to the community. Forest enjoyed reading and woodworking.

Preceding Forest in death were his parents; and brothers, Glenn and Joyce Klepinger.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Gwen of Omaha; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Cyndy of Denver, Colorado; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Reverend John Keenan of Newport, Vermont. Also surviving are grandchildren, Eric Klepinger and wife, Wendy of Denver, Colorado, Lisa Sharpe of Ridgefield, Connecticut, Daniel Keenan of Topeka, Kansas, and Melanie LeGeros and husband, Life, of Somerville, Massachusetts; great grandchildren, Kara Klepinger, and Jennifer and Robert Sharpe; brother, Wayne Klepinger of Fairfield, Iowa; plus other relatives and friends.

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