

James Winegardner

Visitation:

Thursday, October 27, 2011
6:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Kirsch Funeral Chapel
405 W. Thomas Ave.
P.O. Box 277
Shenandoah, IA 51601



Service:

Friday, October 28, 2011
10:30 AM
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Special Services:

There will be private family burial at Rose Hill Cemetery at Shenandoah. A memorial fund is being established.

James Darwin Winegardner was born on August 1, 1928 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of James Elmer and Jeanette Elizabeth Marsh Winegardner. He passed away on Thursday evening October 20, 2011 at his home near Shenandoah at the age of 83 years, two months and twenty days. James grew up in Des Moines, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1945. He then attended Iowa State University on a football scholarship and played for the Cyclones for one year. He served in the US Army in Korea from 1946 to 1948. He continued his studies at the University of Iowa graduating in 1951. On January 12, 1951 he was united in marriage to Mary Molly Malloy in Iowa City, Iowa. This union was blessed with three daughters, Frankie, Susie, and Jenny.

Jim worked as the financial officer at Central Surveys for almost fifty years, utilizing the first mainframe computer in Shenandoah. He was also Shenandoah City Treasurer for 30 years. He was a member of the American Legion and Elks Lodge and served on City Council.

Jim had a passion for hunting, fishing, football and golf. He enjoyed many years as an active member of the 22 Club. He refereed high school football games throughout southwest Iowa and was an avid golfer.

Jim's lifelong interest in golf began in grade school when he worked as a caddie at Wakonda Country Club. He enjoyed the game for over seventy years, working as a rules official at many state tournaments and serving as president of the Iowa Golf Association. Above all, he valued the fellowship of many friends, young and old, in Shenandoah and Sun City, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Molly Winegardner of Shenandoah, Iowa; his three daughters, Frankie Winegardner and husband Randy Cram of Clear Lake, Iowa, Susie Winegardner of Omaha, Nebraska, and Jenny Winegardner of Bayfield, Colorado; two grandchildren, Colin Cram and wife Shayna of Washington, D.C., Kelly Cram of Utrecht Netherlands; a sister, Jo Anne Sweet and husband Robert of Mesa, Arizona; brother-in-law Pat Malloy and wife Susie of Marshalltown, Iowa; a nephew David Sweet and wife Marsha of Story City, Iowa; a niece, Barb Gesme and husband Craig of Des

Moines, Iowa; along with many other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Kirsch Funeral Chapel in Shenandoah with Rev. Rick Sleyster officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Shenandoah. Visitation with the family present was held on Thursday evening, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kirsch Funeral Chapel in Shenandoah. Memorials are suggested to the SMC Hospice or to the Donor's Choice. To leave online remembrances or condolences with the family, go to www.kirschfuneral.com. The Kirsch Funeral Chapel of Shenandoah was in charge of arrangements.