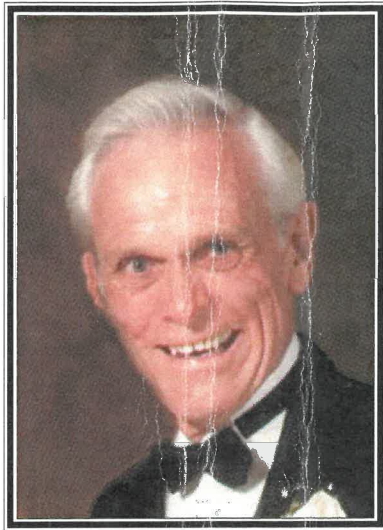


*In  
Loving Memory*



**Rex G. Whitehill**

<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Into Rest</i>
May 2, 1929	December 17, 2004
Shenandoah, Iowa	Omaha, Nebraska

*Age*  
75 Years, 7 Months, 15 Days

*Life Celebration*  
10:30 A.M.  
Tuesday, December 21, 2004  
Selby Funeral Chapel  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Words of Comfort*  
Reverend Karen Bash

*Reading* - Tami Keasling  
"What Are Fathers Made Of"

*Memory Register*  
Shirley White

*Caring for Flowers*  
Janet Buzzard - Gwen Whitehill

*Musical Selections by Elvis Presley*  
"You'll Never Walk Alone"  
"He Touched Me"  
"In The Garden"

*Usher*  
Les McKenney - Jim Wilson

*Casket Bearers*  
Alex Whitehill - Drew Whitehill - Evan Whitehill  
Mark Johnson - Keith Meyer - Terry Ratliff

*Honorary Bearers*  
Dick Barrett - Tom Brodersen - Dick Fishbaugh  
Marlin Green - Howard Johnson - Bill Ludwig  
Bat Masterson - Ron Oestmann - Bill Rabel  
Maury Reavis - Mike Scheibeler - Spike Spargur

*Military Rites*  
American Legion Post 88

*Final Resting Place*  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Dearest Family and Friends,*

*Now I must leave you whom I love. To go along the silent way, grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were there. (I'd come— I'd come, could I but find a way! But would not tears and grief be barriers?) And when you hear a song or see a bird, I'd loved, please do not let the thought of me be sad . . . For I am loving you just as I always have . . . You were so good to me! There are so many things I wanted still to do — so many things to say to you . . . Remember that I did not fear . . . It was just leaving you that was so hard to face . . . We cannot see Beyond . . . But this I know; I loved you so — 'twas heaven there for me!*

*Rex*

*Legacy*

*Fifty years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be a little different because I was important in the life of a child.*

*Rex*

## Rex Whitehill

Rex Gaylord Whitehill, age 75, the son of Samuel J. and Lola B. (Robirds) Whitehill, was born May 2, 1929, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away December 17, 2004, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Growing up in Shenandoah, Rex ("Hap" as he was called in school) graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1947, where he participated in basketball and football and later at the college level. He attended the University of Indiana from 1947 to 1948 and then attended and graduated from Tarkio College with a B.S. Degree in 1951. Rex also advanced his studies at the Chicago Institute of Technology.

On March 19, 1948, in Omaha, Nebraska, Rex was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Aldean "Deanie" Brown, and to this union, Deanna, Todd, and Tami were born. After their marriage, they lived in Shenandoah, where Rex was employed as traffic manager for Henry Field Seed and Nursery Company from 1950 to 1952. He then served through 1954 in the U.S. Army with duty in Korea and with separation as Staff Sergeant. During his service he received various citation metals and ribbons including the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant and Bronze Star.

Returning to Shenandoah Rex was associated with Farmaster Products Company for 18 years serving as Vice President and General Manager and four years on the board of directors of Wickes Corporation. He then served as Executive Vice president for Mount Arbor Nursery for seven years until 1982. Rex and his family then moved to McPherson, Kansas, where he was employed as plant manager for Femco Corporation, retiring in 1994.

Rex was a 60 year member of the First Christian Church serving on various committees including CYF sponsor and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He was a member of the Shenandoah Booster Club where he accomplished some major projects while serving as President. He had been a member of Shenandoah Chamber of Commerce, Shenandoah Industrial Board, Rotary International where he served as President and District Governor's Representative. He also was a member of Toastmasters International, Director of West Page County Red Cross, Drive Chairman for United Way, Advisory Board of Area XIII Vocational School, member of the American Legion for 46 years and also a member of the VFW and Life member of Disabled American Veterans. While living in McPherson, Kansas, Rex was active in the chamber of commerce serving on the McPherson Airport Improvement Committee. He was appointed by Kansas Governor Carlin to serve on the Kansas Calvary for encouraging industries, both national and international levels to relocate to Kansas.

Preceding Rex in death were his parents and sister, Aldyce O'Donnell.

Rex ("Poppie" as his grandchildren called him) is survived by his wife, Deanie, of Shenandoah; children, Deanna L Lutz and husband, James, of Overland Park, Kansas, Todd Whitehill of McPherson, Kansas and Tami Keasling of Lawrence, Kansas. Also surviving is a sister, Colleen Judy, of Chicago, Illinois; 10 grandchildren, Callie and Bre Farnum, Drew Whitehill and his wife, Amber, Evan and Alex Whitehill, Logan and Regan Keasling, Gina, Peter and Joey Lutz; and one great granddaughter, Lanie Whitehill; other relatives and many friends.

*The family is grateful that you are here to share in the celebration of Rex's life and is thankful for your many expressions of love and kindness. They would like to invite you to join them for a time of fellowship at the First Christian Church following interment services.*

*Services Entrusted to Selby Funeral Chapel, Shenandoah, Iowa*

