

Celebration of Life Funeral Service from
First United Methodist Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Friday, May 17, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Words of Comfort
Pastor Luke Fillmore

Memorial Register
Kathy Ketcham & Joan Schebaum

Caring for Flowers
Pam Buttry

Ushers
Duane Rexroth & Greg Goodell

Songs of Comfort
“Amazing Grace” recording by Ben Mathis
“On Eagles Wings” by Bobbette Fife
“The Old Rugged Cross” by Kirk Mathis & Kevin Gowing

Casket Bearers
Ben & Dawn Mathis T.J. & Jill Mathis
Jeremy & Leonela Mathis Joel & Becky Mathis
Jessica & Jon Reicks Elli & Caleb Roberts

Interment
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Military Rites
Shenandoah American Legion Post 88 Color Guard

Memorials
Shenandoah American Legion Post 88

**Following the committal service at the graveside please
join the family in the church basement for a time of
lunch and fellowship.**



Kenneth Earl Mathis

Kenneth Earl Mathis, son of Jess and Angela (Whitmore) Mathis, was born on September 16, 1923 in Clarks, Nebraska. He passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the Wind-sor Manor Assisted Living Community in Shenandoah at the age of 95.

He grew up in the Farragut area and graduated from Farragut High School in 1941. He entered the U.S. Army on March 16, 1943 in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was honorably discharged on February 8, 1946. After his service in the Armed Forces during World War II he started working at Cooper Furniture when he met his future wife, Lucille Swanson. They were married on May 18, 1947 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah, Iowa. The couple was blessed with 63 years of marriage and four sons Greg, Kirk, Tim and Jeff.

Kenneth was actively involved in farming and farm organizations, Farm Bureau, Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Color Guard and served on the School Board. He had a love of the land and has instilled this in his sons and now grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Shenandoah.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife Lucille, parents and four brothers Ernie, Harold “Sandy”, Howard and Don Mathis.

Those left to honor his memory include his sons Greg Mathis and wife Francoise of Council Bluffs, IA, Kirk Mathis and wife Karen of West Burlington, IA, Tim Mathis of Shenandoah, IA and Jeff Mathis and wife Margie of Marshalltown, IA; six grandchildren Ben Mathis and wife Dawn of Papillion, NE, T.J. Mathis and wife Jill of Danville, IA, Jeremy Mathis and wife Leonela of Guayaquil, Ecuador, Joel Mathis and wife Becky of Libertyville, IL, Jessica Reicks and husband Jon of Poulsbo, WA and Elli Roberts and husband Caleb of Olathe, KS; six great-grandchildren Wesley and Ashton Reicks, Sebastian Mathis, Lucy Mathis, Logan Mathis and Gracelyn Roberts; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord,

Make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
 to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born
 to eternal life.



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