In Loving Memory



Al Binau

Born October 28, 1917 Shenandoah, Iowa

Entered Into Rest April 20, 2002 Shenandoah, Iowa

Age 84 Years, 5 Months, 23 Days

Life Celebration 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 24, 2002 Emmanuel Lutheran Church Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort Reverend Ron Nelson Emmanuel Lutheran Church Shenandoah, Iowa

Memory Register
Pat Beavers

Caring for Flowers
Wives of American Legion Post #88 Color Guard

Organist Soloist
Steve Richardson Susie Schaaf

Musical Selections
"Going Home"
"I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry"

Ushers
John Gowing - Ron Oestmann

Casket Bearers
Color Guard of American Legion Post # 88

Honorary Bearers
U.S. Postal Workers, American Legion & Golfing Friends

Military Rites
American Legion Post #88
Shenandoah, Iowa

Final Resting Place Rose Hill Cemetery Shenandoah, Iowa

God's Garden

God looked around his garden And He found an empty place He then looked down upon this earth And saw your tired face He put His arms around you And lifted you to rest God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best He knew you were suffering He knew you were in pain He knew that you would never Get well on earth again He saw that the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb So He closed your weary eyelids And whispered, "Peace Be Thine." It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

Albert E. Binau

Albert Eugene Binau, the son of Harry and Edna (Spargur) Binau, was born October 28, 1917, in Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away April 20, 2002 at Elm Heights Park Crest Care Center in Shenandoah.

Growing up in Shenandoah, Al received his education from the Shenandoah school system graduating from high school in 1936. On August 11, 1940, at Red Oak, Iowa, Al was united in marriage to Betty Ann Black and to this union one son, Douglas, was born. After their marriage Al served in the United States Army during World War II. As a young man, Al worked for a short time for Mount Arbor Nursery but later began his career of 39 years with the United States Postal Service in Shenandoah, retiring as Superintendent of Postal Operations. After his retirement he worked another ten years for Select Motors. In 1954, Al was honored with being selected as Outstanding Young Man of the Year.

Al was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and was a Life Time member of American Legion Post 88 in Shenandoah. His service to the American Legion was marked with many honors and accomplishments. He served as American Legion Post 88 Scoutmaster, Finance Leader of Southwest Iowa Group Boy Scouts, 1st Vice Commander of Post 88 and Commander. In 1956, Al joined Post 88 Color Guard of which he served for many years. He served as Page County Commander, 7th District American Legion Vice Commander, and as Commander. Al served as the Iowa Department American Legion Vice Commander and was appointed to the National Legislative Council. For many years, Al served as Trustee on the Shenandoah War Memorial Trust of American Legion Post 88. He was often seen playing golf and loved to travel.

Preceding Al in death were his parents, and his sisters, Rachel Reynolds and Dorothy Hill.

Survivors include Al's wife of 61 years, Betty, from Shenandoah; his son, Douglas Binau, from Charleston, West Virginia; brothers, Robert Savage and wife, Helen of San Antonio, Texas, Harry Riegal of Modesto, California, Orin Culver and wife, Mary, of Augusta, Georgia; aunt, Ione Spargur of Shenandoah; and cousin, LeRoy Spargur and his wife, Elaine, of Shenandoah plus many friends.



Going home...