

Glenn L. Franzen

Glenn LaVern Franzen, son of Oscar and Ruth (Peterson) Franzen, was born on November 22, 1925, at Shenandoah, Iowa. He passed away on Monday, December 6, 1999, at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital in Red Oak, Iowa. Glenn was 74 years old.

Born and raised on a farm three miles east of Shenandoah, Glenn attended the Lone Star Country School. Glenn later attended the Shenandoah Community Schools and graduated with the Class of 1943. Following high school Glenn was engaged in farming with his parents. He resided on the family farm until enlisting in the service. He served with the United States Navy from 1951 through 1954. Glenn was stationed in Pensacola, Florida, before serving on the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Randolph. On May 24, 1953, Glenn was united in marriage to Martha Whigham at Blanchard, Iowa. Following their marriage they resided on the family farm 10 miles east of Shenandoah

Glenn was a lifelong farmer. He also worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation from 1974 through 1988. In retirement, he worked as a driver for Nishna Productions in Shenandoah from 1989 through 1998. Glenn was a faithful member of the Shenandoah Emmanuel Lutheran Church, serving on the Church Council. He was also a member of the Shenandoah American Legion Post #88, where he served as historian for several years. Glenn enjoyed John Deere tractors, buckle collecting, photography, and water skiing in his sparetime.

Preceding Glenn in death were his parents, Oscar and Ruth Franzen. Survivors include his wife, Martha Franzen of Shenandoah, Iowa; son, Jeff Franzen and his wife Michelle and their daughter, Bethany of Waverly, Iowa and his daughter Jessica, of Independence, Iowa son, Larry Franzen and his wife Heather of Oak Park, Illinois; son, Greg Franzen and his wife Janet and their children Max and Emma of Kansas City, Missouri; and son, Keith Franzen and his wife Meg and their daughter Glenn Ellen of Northbrook, Illinois.