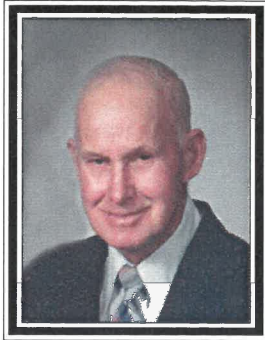


*In  
Loving Memory*



**Gerald D. Mattes**

*Born*

September 13, 1916  
Hamburg, Missouri

*Entered Into Rest*

February 11, 2004  
Clarinda, Iowa

*Age*

87 Years, 4 Months, 29 Days

*Life Celebration*

10:30 A.M.  
Tuesday, February 17, 2004  
Selby Funeral Chapel  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Words of Comfort*

Pastor Marcia Campbell

*Memory Register*

Nora Nelson - Lola Owens

*Caring for Flowers*

Marla Mattes - Wealtha Mattes

*Organist*  
Margaret Woods

*Soloist*  
Gilbert Burch

*Musical Selections*

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”  
“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

*Ushers*

Jim McElroy - Burvon Owens

*Casket Bearers*

Robert Compton - Jacob King - Jim Mattes  
Kirk Mattes - Marty Mattes - Joshua VanFosson

*Honorary Bearers*

Luther Compton - Edgar Copeland - Harold Gray  
Graydon Hays - Bernard Mattes - Woodrow Spurlock

*Final Resting Place*

Rose Hill Cemetery

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*Alzheimer's Poem*

*Do not ask me to remember,  
Don't try to make me understand.  
Let me rest and know you're with me,  
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.  
I'm confused beyond your concept,  
I am sad and sick and lost.  
All I know is that I need you  
To be with me at all cost.  
Do not lose your patience with me.  
Do not scold or curse or cry;  
I can't help the way I'm acting.  
Can't be different 'though I try.  
Just remember that I need you,  
That the best of me is gone.  
Please don't fail to stand beside me,  
Love me 'til my life is done.*

## Gerald D. Mattes

Gerald Dean Mattes, age 87, the son of Alfred and Pearl (Cheney) Mattes was born September 13, 1916, in rural Missouri, southwest of Hamburg, Iowa, and passed away February 11, 2004, in Clarinda, Iowa.

At the age of 6 months, Gerald and his family moved to a farm in the Locust Grove community. He attended Fairview Country School through the 8th grade and then high school in Farragut, Iowa. As a young man he continued working for several years on the home farm plus doing custom work for other farmers.

On August 20, 1943, Gerald was united in marriage to Norma Nicks and to this union, Stephen, Joyce, Sheryl and Rex was born. On August 20, 2003, they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

After their marriage Gerald and Norma farmed southeast of Farragut in the Locust Grove area and also southeast of Riverton, Iowa. In 1952 they moved to a farm north of Braddyville, Iowa, and in 1954 to a farm northeast of Elmo, Missouri, where they continued their farming operation for 40 years into the 1990s. During those years, Gerald also did custom bulldozing, spraying, and combining. Farming was his life. He enjoyed working with bulldozers, trucking for others and raising livestock and grain. Retiring in 1995 they moved to Farragut.

Gerald enjoyed boating, traveling, taking different routes to his destinations, and visiting the west and into the northwest part of the United States. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Community of Christ Church). Gerald served on the board of directors for the West Nodaway School Board and the Farmers Coop Elevator in Blanchard, Iowa. For many years he was a member of the Elmo Lions Club.

His reputation was that of an honest man, kind and gentle in nature, hard working and ready to help others. But most of all, his family was first in his life.

Preceding Gerald in death were his parents; sisters, Thelma Peterson and Letha Johnson; and brothers, Wilbur and Alfred Mattes.

Survivors include his wife, Norma of Clarinda, Iowa; children and their spouses, Stephen and Sharon Mattes of Auburn, Nebraska, Joyce and Dale Partridge of Largo, Florida, Sheryl and James Waldron of Villisca, Iowa, and Rex Mattes and friend, Linda, of Garden City, Kansas; sister, Joyce McElroy of Shenandoah, Iowa; plus other relatives and many friends.

*(A luncheon will follow at the Community of Christ Church  
Located at Highway 2 and South Center Street)*

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*To everything  
there is a season*