

Obituary

Merle Elwood Sheridan was born May 9, 1918, in Gravity, Iowa to Don Howard Sheridan and Hester Elizabeth (Hummel) Sheridan. He spent the early part of his life in the Shenandoah and Essex, Iowa areas. He graduated from the Essex Community School in 1937.

On November 21, 1939, Merle was united in marriage to Grace Dale Corey in Maryville, Missouri. The couple resided in the Shenandoah and Essex area. On June 5, 1945, Merle joined the United States Army and served until June 29, 1946. Merle was a mechanic for Jim Ahlgren's Chevrolet Garage and later for Smith Olds. He then bought the Snap-On Tool business in the late sixties and retired in 1984. Grace passed away in early 1990 following a lengthy bout with cancer. On October 27, 1990, Merle was united in marriage to Betty R. Christianson at the First Christian Church in Shenandoah. Merle was a longtime member of the American Legion. He was an Elder and Trustee in the Essex Presbyterian Church, a school board member, a member of the Farmers Telephone Board and an Essex Housing Board member. Merle was very fond of the outdoors. He especially enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, camping and traveling.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Grace; brother, Don Sheridan; two sisters, Lois Streitenberger Jackson and Marjorie Wells; and a grandson, Billy Brannen. He is survived by his wife Betty of Essex, Iowa; daughter, Barbara Brannen and husband Jerry of Humboldt, Nebraska; son, Kenneth Sheridan and wife Marlene of Essex, Iowa; six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren; three step-children, Jim Christianson of Hesston, Kansas; David Christianson and wife Mary Ann of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Danny Christianson and wife Debbie of Shenandoah, Iowa; seven step-grandchildren and 12 step-great grandchildren; along with a host of other family and friends.

There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family following the service in the basement of the First Christian Church.

Services Entrusted To:
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home
Shenandoah, Iowa