

Obituary

Robert Denzel Priest was born June 2, 1922 in Shenandoah, Iowa to Perl Wilson Priest and Mabel Agnes (Crawford) Priest. He died Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at the Shenandoah Medical Center in Shenandoah, Iowa at the age of 82.

Robert was born and raised for the majority of his life in Shenandoah. He graduated high school from Bellevue, Nebraska and attended two years of college at UNO. Robert served his country overseas during World War II with the 168th Infantry. He served in Tunisian, Naples, Foggia, Rhineland, and Central Europe Campaigns. Robert received the Purple Heart and Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with four bronze stars. On October 20, 1945, after returning home from the war, he married Marjorie Ilene Grape in Sidney, Iowa. The couple lived in Shenandoah for six years. Robert was company commander of Company E, 168 Infantry before joining the Air Force on October 15, 1951. While with the Air Force he traveled overseas serving in Libya, Germany and Japan along with various other assignments throughout the world and United States before retiring in 1968. After retirement the couple made their home in Bellevue, NE. In 1978 they moved to Porters Lake in rural Shenandoah. In 1999 they moved into Shenandoah.

Robert was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Essex, Iowa. He was also a life long member of the Air Force Sergeant Assn., and the American Legion Post #88. Robert was an avid gardener and he enjoyed being in his workshop in the basement of his house.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Wayne who died in infancy, Worley Priest, Lewis Priest and Dean Priest; sisters Irene Smith, June Pontious, Lois Doyle and Pauline Perkins. He is survived by his wife Marjorie; daughter Sherry Sue Grebert and husband Al of Shenandoah; grandchildren Sabrina Houchin and husband John of Sidney, IA, Sheila Grebert of Des Moines, IA, and Shawn Grebert and wife Heather of Shenandoah, IA; sister Elizabeth Bray of Diamond Bar, CA; a host of other family members and friends.

Services Entrusted To:  
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home  
712-246-2912

Funeral Services from  
Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home  
Shenandoah, Iowa  
Saturday, December 18, 2004  
Ten-Thirty a.m.

Words of Comfort  
Rev. John Swenson

Memory Register  
Janet Allumbaugh  
Pam Ditmars

Organist  
Margaret Woods

Soloist  
Dean Adkins

Musical Selections  
"How Great Thou Art"

Casket Bearers  
Members of  
American Legion Post # 88

Honorary Casket Bearers  
Mike Allumbaugh Tag Allumbaugh  
Harlan Rowe Orlando Langenfeld  
Bill Smisek Harry Pontious  
Rex Pontious

Military Rites  
American Legion Post # 88  
Shenandoah, Iowa

Interment  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa