

MARLIN EDWIN HOLMES was born the second of three children to Elmer Edwin and Inez Catherine (Falk) on September 25, 1925 at their home in rural Essex, Iowa. On Wednesday, October 10, 2013, at age 88, Marlin entered into rest at his home in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Marlin grew up on a farm outside of Essex where he attended Arbor-dale Country School, fondly named "Frog Pond." He graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1943, and in April of the same year was drafted into the U.S. Army. While in the army, he served as a Supply Sergeant in Osaka, Japan during the occupation until being honorably discharged in December of 1946.

Upon returning to southwest Iowa from Japan, Marlin began farming and shortly after met the love of his life, Jacqueline Androy. Marlin and Jacqueline were married on June 12, 1949 and several years later blessed with the birth of their only daughter, Marlene.

Marlin was a lifetime resident of Shenandoah and the Lutheran Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, fishing and helping his son-in-law and grandson farm. Carpentry, however, was his true passion. Marlin began his career in carpentry working at the Sheandoah Lumber Yard in 1959. From 1961 to 1964 he worked for Perfection Homes, where he supervised the construction of hundreds of homes. After leaving Perfection Homes, he established his own business, Holmes Builder and Supply under which he built numerous homes and six apartment buildings all in and around Shenandoah. He completed his final project in 1998.

Marlin was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Elmarie (Holmes) Irvin and her husband Dale Richard Irvin.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Jacqueline; daughter Marlene (Holmes) Bashaw and son-in-law Joel of Shenandoah; brother Allen Holmes and wife Clara of Shenandoah; granddaughters Elizabeth Bashaw of Omaha, Nebraska and Heidi (Bashaw) Eide and husband Eric of Alexandria, Virginia; grandson Todd Bashaw of Shenandoah; and great-grandson Grayson Eide of Alexandria, Virginia; and many other relatives and friends.



Celebration of Life

MARLIN E. HOLMES

September 26, 1925 – October 10, 2013

*May blessings be upon your house,
Your roof and hearth and walls;
May there be lights to welcome you
When evening's shadow falls.*



THE BUILDER

I saw them tearing a building down
A team of men in my hometown.
With a heave and a ho and a yes yes yell,
they swung a beam and a sidewall fell.

And I said to the foreman, "Are these men skilled?"
"Like the ones you'd use if you had to build?"
And he laughed and said, "Oh no, indeed...
the most common labor is all I need...
for I can destroy in a day or two
what takes a builder ten years to do."

So I thought to myself as I went on my way...
Which one of these roles am I willing to play?
Am I one who is tearing down as I carelessly make my way around?
Or am I one who builds with care, in order to make the world a
little better... because I was there?



Services

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Monday, October 14, 2013
Eleven O'Clock

Word of Comfort

Pastor Steven C. Hetzel

Soloist

Kris Adkins

Organist

Judy Lundgren

Caring of Flowers

Charles and Phyllis Mayer
Rex and Delores Pontious

Memory Register

Raymond and Judy Herold
Lee and Sandra Riley

Ushers

Ron Oestmann Merrill Whitehill
Newt Heaton Dennis Grebert

Pallbearers

Todd Bashaw Daniel Holmes
Eric Eide John Holmes
Sam Irvin Tony Ballain
David Holmes Craig Holmes

Resting Place

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa