

Obituary

Lester Donald Harms, son of Ralph Fredrick and Violet Richardson Harms, was born at Shenandoah, Iowa on February 12, 1925. He passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 1, 2004 in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Lester was born in Shenandoah, however his mother was very ill when he was a young man so the family moved to South Dakota to be closer to her parents. After his mother's death, the family returned to Shenandoah where he grew up and was educated. Except for his World War II military time Lester spent all of his life in Shenandoah. From June 6, 1943 to October 11, 1945, Lester served with the U.S. Army. He served in Europe in the infantry, being decorated with the Purple Heart while serving on Normandy Beach. After returning from the war Lester was united in marriage to Viola Jane Treese on February 23, 1946 at Clarinda, Iowa. Lester served for 18 years as a custodian for the Shenandoah School District retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church, loved reading, and traveling. An avid golf spectator, Lester enjoyed watching golf tournaments on television. As a young man, Lester also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brother Glen.

Preceding Lester in death were his parents, a sister, Kathryn Harms and a brother Glen Harms. Survivors include his wife, Viola of the home; daughter, Karen Norton and her husband Greg of Ankeny, Iowa; son, Michael Harms of Shenandoah, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Jeremy Alan Norton, Jessica Lynn Norton and Matthew John Norton all of Ankeny, Iowa, Sid Alan Harms of Tarkio, Missouri, Samuel Michael Harms, Austin Michael Harms, and Zachery Michael Harms all of Shenandoah, Iowa; other relatives and many friends.

Following the service at the cemetery everyone is cordially invited back to the Assembly of God Church for a time of fellowship and refreshments with the family.

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

*In
Loving Memory*



Lester D. Harms

Born

February 12, 1925
Shenandoah, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
September 1, 2004
Shenandoah, Iowa

Age

79 years, 6 months, 20 days

Memory Register

Ray Stoddard
Marcia Gilbert Campbell

Caring for Flowers

Mary Harms Eleanor Harms
Vera Treese

Ushers

Ron Green