

Franklin Mittelstadt, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Methodist Manor in Storm Lake.

Franklin was born on September 20, 1919 to Frank and Alma (Meyer) Mittelstadt in Storm Lake, Iowa. He attended grade school in Storm Lake, graduating from Storm Lake High School. Frank was baptized and later confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, where he remained a life long member, serving on the Altar Guild and as Bell Ringer.

On February 21, 1942, Frank was united in marriage to Betty Marie Turner in San Antonio, Texas. To this union, two children were born: Kim and Kyran.

During World War II, Frank proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Entering active service on October 2, 1941, he served until his honorable discharge on November 3, 1945.

Frank was a bricklayer for W.A. Klinger in Sioux City, Iowa.

Frank genuinely loved the outdoors, whether it was camping, swimming, golfing or gardening. He was an avid ice skater as a child, and proudly passed this talent on to his children. Much pride was attained as Frank practiced his green thumb with his flowers and roses. He loved Storm Lake and enjoyed being on the water, as he practically swam before he walked. In addition, Frank also enjoyed photography.

Spending time with his family and friends was an integral part of Frank's life.

Those who knew him will undoubtedly remember his singing and whistling.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children: Kim Mittelstadt and his wife, Lu of Storm Lake, Iowa and Kyran Mittelstadt and his wife, Nancy of Belton, Missouri; grandchildren: Shani Podl and her husband, Mark of Chicago, Illinois, Shawn Mittelstadt and his wife, Margie of Lakeville, Minnesota, Elizabeth Valdez and her husband, Brandon of Olathe, Kansas and Laura Lago and her husband, Austin of Olathe, Kansas; seven great grandchildren; one brother, Ray Mittelstadt and his wife, Marilyn of Storm Lake; two sisters: Alice Schuelke of Storm Lake and Doris Gutz of Storm Lake; many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty; his sisters: Irma Peet, Helen Larson, Lucille Evans and Dorothy Langhans; infant brother, Walter; and granddaughter-in-law, Melony Mittelstadt.

# Remembering...

## A Special Life



**Franklin Mittelstadt**

*"Frank"*

1919 — 2008

## God's Garden

God looked around His garden and  
He found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you,  
and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful;  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering.  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would  
never get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough and  
the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids and  
whispered, "Peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you didn't go alone,  
for part of us went with you  
the day God called you home.

-author unknown

We wish to express our gratitude for your kindnesses, as evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship and sharing at the church, following the committal service at the cemetery.

*Frank's Family*

## IN MEMORY OF

*Franklin Mittelstadt*

September 20, 1919—February 9, 2008

**FUNERAL SERVICE**  
*Monday, February 11, 2008*  
*at 10:30 a.m.*  
*St. John Lutheran Church*  
*Storm Lake Iowa*

**CLERGY**  
*Reverend Bruce Lesemann*

**ORGANIST**  
*Suzanne Winterhof*

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**  
*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"*

**CASKET BEARERS**  
*Dan Ehlers, Mike Radke, Scott Schuelke*  
*Jason Schuelke, Austin Lago, Mark Podl*  
*Shawn Mittelstadt, Brandon Valdez*

**INTERMENT**  
*Military Honors by AMVETS Post #66*  
*Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery*  
*Storm Lake, Iowa*

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