

*H*arold Whitmer, age 87, of Galva, Iowa died on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Harold B. Whitmer was born on August 18, 1920 to Orville D. and Hazel M. (Blackburn) Whitmer in Washta, Iowa. He attended school in Galva, graduating from Galva High School in 1938.

On July 18, 1948, Harold was united in marriage to Jean Steele. To this union, two children were born: Heidi and Linda. On July 8, 1995, Harold married Dorothy Cloud at which time he welcomed her children, Mary, Ken and Don, into the family.

Harold proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corp, where he was stationed in Texas during WWII.

Over the years, Harold was an active member of the Galva American Legion, a 50 year member of the Grand Lodge of Morningside. He held position in all the offices of the Abu Bekr Shriners, as well as taking part in the Shriner program "Hospital Dads". In addition, Harold was also a 50 year member of the United Methodist Church in Galva.

Harold cherished the time he spent with his family and friends. He enjoyed camping and fishing. His woodworking was a great pastime, for which his family can continue to see evidence of his talent.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dorothy of Galva; his children: Heidi Stewart and her husband Mark of Tucson, Arizona and Linda O'Kane of Sioux City, Iowa; step-children: Mary Dencklau, Ken Cloud and his wife Linda and Don Cloud and his wife JoAnn, all of Fort Dodge, Iowa; three grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; and other extended family and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Jean; three brothers; and one sister.

Remembering A Special Life



Harold B. Whitmer

1920 — 2008

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way. I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now, He set me free.

— author unknown



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.

Harold's Family

In Memory Of Harold B. Whitmer

August 18, 1920  *March 27, 2008*

Funeral Service

*Monday, March 31, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church — Galva, Iowa*

Clergy

Reverend Ron Johannsen

Organist

Carol Wendel

Soloist

Carl Nielsen

"Amazing Grace"

Congregational Singing

"How Great Thou Art"

"Old Rugged Cross"

Casket Bearers

Dan O'Kane, Matt O'Kane, Dr. Jamie Whitmer

Devin Cloud, Tony Cloud, Keith Grieme

Honorary Casket Bearers

France Wanberg, Alex Kazos

Interment

Galva Township East Cemetery — Galva, Iowa

Military Honors by Galva American Legion

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