



Donald Edward "Mac" McQuitty Sr.

January 29, 1926 - August 18, 2014

Donald E. "Mac" McQuitty, Sr., 88, of Grand Island died Monday, August 18, 2014.

Service will be 11:00 A.M. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Reverend Jack Gillam will officiate. All Faiths Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 10 A.M. until service time at the church.

Donald was born January 29, 1926 at Hugoton, Kansas to Alva and Roberta (Baldwin) McQuitty.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 69 years, Ruth; son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Sandy McQuitty of Gordon; daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Lew Kroeger of Grand Island; brother, Floyd McQuitty of Florida; three grandchildren, Dawn (Brad) Korrell, Rebecca (Jeff) Dowty and Shaun (Cathy Jo) McQuitty; step grandson, Lance (Christina) Buoy; ten great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Gerald, Kenneth, Alva and Herman; and an infant sister, Viola.

Don enlisted in the Army Air Corps December 27, 1943, when he was 17.

While stationed at Sioux City, Iowa, Don met the love of his life. He and Ruth Eberhardt were married on June 18, 1945, while Don was stationed at Ardmore, Okla. At gunnery school Don's training included that with the B-17's as a ball turret gunner. During his ten months on Guam, he was an airplane and engine mechanic, and also flew weather missions. After his discharge in 1946, Don went to work in a print shop in Norfolk. He worked for the McCook Gazette and the North Platte Telegraph-Bulletin before starting with the Independent in June 1967. After more than 20 years with the newspaper, Don retired in 1988.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Don taught himself sign language and signed the sermons at the church. He worked hard all his life and always managed to stay busy. A student of the Great Depression, Don wasted nothing and could make do with whatever was available. He enjoyed fishing, playing horse shoes and the horse racing at Fonner Park.

Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministry.

Cemetery Details

Phillips Cemetery

Phillips, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Service

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