



Harlan G. Bloomquist

November 17, 1929 - August 7, 2018

Harlan G. Bloomquist, 88, of Grand Island died Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at Good Samaritan Society-Grand Island Village.

Services will be 11 AM Monday at First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Lisa Ewald will officiate. Family will be greeting friends from 10 AM till service time. Private family graveside service will be prior to services in the Grand Island Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Harlan was born November 17, 1929, on a farm near St. Edward, NE, to Emil and Alice (Samuelson) Bloomquist. He grew up and was educated in the St. Edward and Grand Island Public School systems. In 1948, he entered the Navy and served until 1953, when he was honorably discharged. While in the Navy, he served in the Destroyer Force attaining the position of Yeoman 3rd class. He served on the USS Allen Sumner and USS English during two tours of duty in the Mediterranean Sea with the 6th Fleet between November 1950-March 1951 and August 1952-February 1953.

When discharged, he was employed at Northwestern Bell Telephone where he worked for 31 years before moving to AT&T until his retirement in November, 1986. After retirement, he was a general contractor in communications at St. Francis Medical Center until 2003.

He was married to Marilyn (Harrison) Bloomquist on August 31, 1956, in Grand Island, NE.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he was a 50-year member of the church choir and also served as a Deacon. Harlan loved to sing and was highly active in the Grand Island musical community including stints as a member of The City Singers, the Interfaith Community Choir, Voices of the Island at Senior High and the La Camerata Madrigal Singers. He was also a member of the Saddle Club, American Legion, Elks Lodge, Liederkrantz and a lifetime member of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two daughters, Lynell (Richard) Placzek of Lincoln, NE, and Deanna Murphy of Gloucester, VA.; 5 grandchildren, Lindsay (Matt) Thomas, Ben (Bailey) Placzek, Sam (Rachel) Placzek, Regan Murphy and Patrick Murphy; and 3 great granddaughters; Payton and Logan Thomas and Wylie Placzek.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Vedor Bloomquist and Wes Bloomquist.

Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church organ refurbishment fund.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Harlan G. Bloomquist*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Harlan's passing. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Susan Snow McKenzie

susan mckenzie - August 18, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ *As a former N W Bell employee, I had the pleasure of working with Boomer; He had such a good nature, so professional & knowledgeable and was a favorite of mine! I am so sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit surround and comfort you at this time.*

Sincerely, Nancy (Roseberry) Starr, Anaheim, CA

Nancy Starr - August 13, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ *You are in my prayers today as you say goodbye to your husband, father, friend. I remember him as a very good man and I know you will miss him.*

Willa Lemburg

Willa Lemburg - August 13, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Harlan G. Bloomquist.*



August 12, 2018 at 11:08 AM