



## Richard H. Frazen

November 27, 1919 - January 9, 2014

Richard H. Franzen, age 94, died at his home Thursday, January 9th, 2014 in Grand Island, NE.

Richard H. Franzen Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Grand Island, with Rev. Gary Harris officiating. Burial will be at West lawn Cemetery at 1:30 with military honors by United Veterans Honor Guard and U.S. Army.

Richard was born November 27, 1919 to Herman and Johanna (Mueller) Franzen on the family farm north of Gothenburg, Nebraska in Custer County. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church north of Gothenburg. He graduated from Gothenburg High School in 1939. Richard worked on a ranch after graduation then moved with his brother Herb to Kingsburg, California. They worked for their uncle harvesting watermelons. From there he moved back to Grand Island where he took up building and construction, which he loved very much. Richard was a very active member of the Messiah Lutheran Church.

Richard served in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He served four years with the Army Air Corps, spending 29 months in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Presidential Citation, Good Conduct Medal, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with five stars, with

the Fifth Air Force; he was a member of a ground crew of a fighter squadron. On December 24, 1942 he was united in marriage to June A. Kranz.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, June; son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Sharon Franzen of Grand Island; daughter-in-law, Fonda LaFrenz of Hiawatha, KS; brother and sister-in-law, Wendell and Orvella Franzen of California; grandchildren, Shaun Franzen, Corey and wife Amy Franzen, Todd Franzen, Holly and Joel Davis and Erin and Clay Nauman and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Richard L. Franzen; brothers, Alfred and Darty Franzen and Herb and Phylis Franzen.

Memorials are suggested to Messiah Lutheran Church.

# Tribute Wall



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