

Glenn Muetzel, 89, Sioux Falls, died Mar 20. Services: 10:00 a.m., Apr 01 at 1st Baptist Church. Heritage Funeral Home

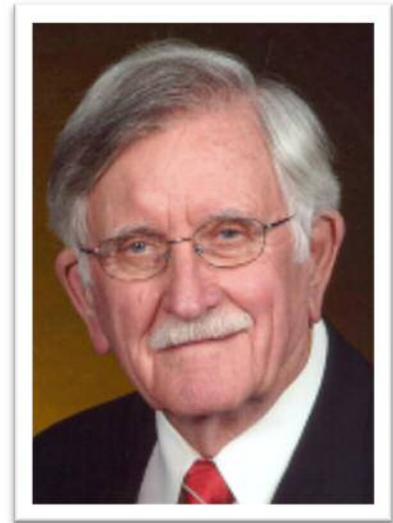
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H. Glenn Muetzel

May 223, 1923 – March 20, 2012

Harold Glenn Muetzel, 89, passed away on Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 with loved ones by his side. His memorial service will take place at First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls on Monday, April 1st at 10. Visitation and prayer service will be held Easter Sunday evening at Heritage Funeral Home from 5 to 7.



Glenn was born May 23rd, 1923 on his grandparent's farm in rural Redwood County, MN to Franz and Irene Breckenridge Muetzel. At Redwood Falls High School, before his graduation in 1941, Glenn spent time with his friends at Beecher's Drug Store or Mike and Joe's listening to the juke box, the start of his life-long passion for music. Performing in high school musicals and playing the clarinet in the high school band and orchestra, he sat opposite Bethel Vorintha Lindeman, who would later become the prize of a life-long courtship and 63-year marriage.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 1942, serving valiantly in World War II in the South Pacific as part of the 6th Marine Division, participating in campaigns in Bougainville, Guam, and Okinawa where he received the Bronze Star. He was also part of the occupation force in Tsingtao, China, being discharged in June of 1946 with the rank of sergeant. He would later become part of South Dakota's first Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Glenn, while enrolled in accounting at the University of Minnesota, bumped into his high school acquaintance Bethel, leading to their marriage on June 12th, 1949. They later moved to San Pedro, CA with Union Oil, returning to Minnesota in 1954 to work on the Lindeman family farm before moving to Sioux Falls in March 1956 to work for John Morrell and Co. as a livestock buyer for 29 years.

A 57-year member of First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, Glenn served in numerous capacities including Vice Moderator, Board of Deacons, Mission Board, pastoral search committee, and "Faith at Work" teams in addition to ten years as the teacher of the 8th grade Sunday School and singing (and whistling) in the church choir. Devoted Christian husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Glenn had a keen interest in missions, participating in short-term works in Zaire, Haiti, Thailand, Korea, Hong Kong, and Pine Ridge. He and his wife Bethel also hosted Sioux Falls College students from the USA and numerous foreign countries, including Eritrea. A beloved International Exchange student from Thailand spent a year with them. The Muetzel's loved opening their home to family and friends, forging a global extended family.

Glenn loved to travel and spent 30 winters of retirement pulling his trailer south, usually to South Texas, enjoying bird watching and nature. Adventurers, he and Bethel even went tandem parasailing on their 50th wedding anniversary in the Cayman Islands. A voracious reader of history, Glenn could easily finish a 600-page book in a weekend and tell you about it for the rest of the week. A master of crossword puzzles, he mulled over the local newspaper every morning until it was complete.

Glenn was a faithful caring man, a hugger, a teaser, a story-teller, CaringBridge journalist for his daughter Nadine, gardener, birder watcher and his grandchildren's biggest fan at all of their events. He also served as a volunteer for over 20 years at Sanford Hospital, being a welcoming and reassuring face for those he helped. Glenn's actions, writing, and conversations became a major witness to all those around him. Glenn was avidly interested in 4H, increasing his troop from 4 to 50. His horsemanship guided young riders in the local 4H Club. Glenn also trained Thoroughbred, Quarter, and Appaloosa horses.

Missing Glenn will be his wife Bethel, son Steven Muetzel of San Diego, CA, daughter Debby Vander Woude of Sioux Falls, son-in-law Michael Sierakowski of Stillwater, MN, five grandchildren; Sarah, Daniel, and Matthew Vander Woude, Emily and David Sierakowski, brother L. Dean Muetzel of Rogers, AR, and sister Maxine Young of Bellevue WA. Special Nieces include Dee Lindeman-Smith(Kirk)of Outing, MN and her family and Dianna Kragerud (Ron) of Fargo, ND and her family. Other extended loved ones include Chert (Martha) Namponne of Dallas, TX and his family, Earlyn (Myron) Koizumi of Honolulu, HI and her family, and Adda (Yohannes) Tesfaizi of Albuquerque, NM and her family.

Welcoming Glenn to heaven are his parents, his daughter Nadine, his son-in-law Dr. John Vander Woude, and his brother Wayne.

Memorials can be directed to First Baptist Church and Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Source: Heritage Funeral website <http://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituaries.html>