



## Frank Arnold Gerdes

June 28, 1923 - September 13, 2012

Glenvil resident Frank Arnold Gerdes, 89, died Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Mary Lanning HealthCare in Hastings, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 17, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil, NE with Rev. Jeff Glawe officiating. Cremation will follow the service and private family inurnment will be at a later date. Visitation will be Sunday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Home in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil, NE or the Glenvil Volunteer Ambulance.

Frank Arnold Gerdes was born June 28, 1923, to George and Lena (Krueger) Gerdes on the family farm near Fairfield, NE. He was baptized in 1923, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil by Rev. E.C. Meyer and Confirmed in 1938, at Immanuel Lutheran Church by Rev. E.C. Meyer. He received his education in Fairfield and graduated from Fairfield High School before attending Hastings Business College. On January 25, 1948, he married his wife of 64 years, Ilene J. Tjarks. Frank was employed at Thiels Restaurant, the Naval Ammunition Depot, Schliep Family Farms, Swifts, Brand Wilson Mortuary and owned and operated the family farm by Fairfield until his death.

Frank was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil, NE and had served on the Church Council, Men's Bible Study and Yesterdays Youth. He also served on the Fairfield School Board, the Co-op Elevator Board and the Fairfield Fertilizer Board. Frank enjoyed farming, spending time with family and reading.

Frank is survived by his wife, Ilene of Glenvil, NE; children, David Gerdes and wife Joy of Hastings, NE; Ellen Koger of Glenvil, NE; Marlys Schmidt and husband Gary of Blue Hill, NE; Michele Brandenburger and husband Dan of Glenvil, NE; grandchildren, Jason Gerdes and wife Becky of Fairfield, NE; Raelene Falcon and husband Ricardo of Denver, CO; Stacie Schmidt of Waverly, NE; Kerrie Best and husband Chad of Oxford, NE; Carisa Hoffman and husband Tim of Kearney, NE; 5 step-grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 great great-grandson; 3 step great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Henry Gerdes and Irvin Gerdes.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Frank I loved you and remember our time together with laughter. Whenever the opportunity to visit you and Ilene you both always found time to share stories while providing hugs and love to our family. To Frank's family my wife Betsy and I send prayers and to remember a very sweet man with a strong faith in God.

Terry Tjarks - September 24, 2012 at 12:06 AM

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“ I will always remember the laugh and the bright smile of Uncle Frank. To me, he embodied the true biblical meaning of meekness - a man at peace in his faith and who had a balance between strength and gentleness (Frank knew when to use each). I always had a feeling that those hands of his could help me on my way with a gentle nudge or, when necessary, by grabbing me and turning me in the direction I needed to go. Although I was not able to spend a great deal of time with Frank, my time with him and Ilene will always be happily remembered.  
My families prayers are with each of you at this time.

David Beckenhauer - September 14, 2012 at 07:30 AM

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“ To Uncle Frank: I will never forget your smile and your eyes ---- especially when you were teasing me about something!! You were always such a gentle giant in my eyes. You had so many of Grandpa's mannerisms.....the little bob of your head, your chuckle, your smile. You were VERY SPECIAL to me and I will miss you.  
To Aunt Ilene: The perfect woman for this perfect man. I love you so much and wish I was there to give you a hug!! My prayers are with you now and forever!

Jan Schmidt - September 13, 2012 at 08:21 PM