



Earl Dean "Beno" Frieden

February 11, 1934 - October 13, 2021

Earl Dean Frieden, better known as "Beno" to those who knew him, was born February 11, 1934, on the family farm 3 miles north of Shickley, Nebraska to Wilfred B. "Duff" and Elsie (Goesch) Frieden. He passed away at his home in Shickley, Nebraska on October 13, 2021, at the age of 87 years, 8 months, and 2 days.

Earl Dean was baptized March 11, 1934, at Zion Lutheran Church in Shickley, NE by Rev. William Wietzke and was confirmed there on June 20, 1948, by Rev. Lawrence Walholz. His confirmation verse was Revelation: 2:10.

Earl Dean grew up north of Shickley, attended country school at District #49 for 8 years, and graduated with the Shickley High School Class of 1951. On July 20th, 1953, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent the next 3 years and 11 months in the Navy serving his country during the post Korean War years. He completed basic training at San Diego, California. Then he was stationed on several ships with duty stations throughout the world. He was first assigned to the U.S.S Indiana and U.S.S. Missouri in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington maintaining mothballed WWII ships. While serving on the Missouri he walked by the surrender plaque embedded in the deck quite often where the peace treaty was signed by Japan to end World War II. After this stop Earl Dean applied to and completed naval machinery repairman school in San Diego and was assigned to the U.S.S Hector. The next year he

served on the U.S.S Franklin D. Roosevelt aircraft carrier as a machinist in the machine shop. Throughout his Navy service he travelled across the globe to numerous ports including: New York City, the Panama Canal, Santiago Chile, Peru, Rio de Janeiro Brazil, around Cape Horn on the tip of South America, Florida, Guantanamo Bay Naval Base Cuba, Portugal, and the West Indies. The Roosevelt crossed the equator in 1956 he became a Navy "Shellback". Earl Dean was discharged as First-Class Petty Officer MR/1 on June 25, 1957.

After the Navy, Earl Dean returned to Shickley to the family farm and worked for neighbors for a few years. In 1962 he started working for Lichti Bros. Oil Co. and worked there for the next 42 years where he worked on HVAC equipment, home appliances, and grain drying equipment, and doing propane deliveries.

Earl Dean was introduced to Velda (Renken) while attending an air conditioning school in Sioux City, Iowa and they were married on October 2, 1966, at Christ Lutheran Church near Le Mars, IA. They were blessed with two children Conley Quinn Frieden and Camella Lenee (Frieden) Walters. Earl Dean & Velda purchased the Shickley Laundromat in 1972 and added a car wash to the business in 1974. He operated the business for 48 years. Earl Dean's wife Velda passed away in September 2018 after 52 years of blessed marriage.

Earl Dean was a true community servant and servant leader. He was on the Shickley Village Board for 20 years, the Fillmore County Zoning Board, the Shickley Cemetery Association since 1993, and was very involved in the Church. As a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, Earl Dean spent a lot of his time supporting the life of the Church. He was committed to the Lord and made it a priority to show his passion of his Christian faith and love to his family as well as others. In retirement he took great pride in making sure that

the Zion Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Cemetery, and Shickley Public Cemetery was well maintained volunteering a great deal of time to those places. Earl Dean was a member of Shickley Legion Post #164 and served as commander for a time. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading and learning more about history, putting together puzzles, coin collecting, and watching school events. The highlight of his retirement was when his children took him to Honolulu, Hawaii for his 80th birthday to revisit the USS Missouri moored in Pearl Harbor. He thoroughly enjoyed giving Conley, Camella, and Whitney a tour of the ship. Earl Dean enjoyed watching his grandchildren Wade and Whitney in their school activities growing up and especially enjoyed being a great grandpa to Cora for the last year.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents Wilfred B. "Duff" and Elsie (Goesch) Frieden, wife Velda, brother Claton Frieden, infant brother Warren Wayne Frieden, brother-in-law Earl Lubben, brother-in-law Gerald Crone, brother-in-law Norbert Seebach, and niece Lori Nelson.

He is survived by son Conley Frieden, daughter Camella and husband Mike Walters, grandson Wade and wife Abby Walters, granddaughter Whitney Walters and special friend Trevor Griess, and great-granddaughter Cora Walters all of Shickley, Nebraska, sister Sherrill Crone of Hastings, Nebraska, sister Ila and husband Wayne Nelson of Hastings, Nebraska, sister Opal and husband Lawrence Griess of Sutton, Nebraska, sister-in-law Barbara Frieden of York, Nebraska, sister-in-law Vernice Seebach of Sioux City, Iowa, sister-in-law Verona Lubben of Le Mars, Iowa, and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Earl was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Shickley, Nebraska. Pastor James Moll officiated the Funeral Service. Stanley Johnson accompanied the

congregation in the singing of “Abide With Me,” “Now Thank We All Our God,” and “Eternal Father, Strong To Save.”

Pallbearers for the Funeral included Conley Frieden, Wade Walters, Whitney Walters, Mike Walters, Gail Griess, Ron Fitzke, Beth Fitze, and Mitch Ozenbaugh. Honorary Pallbearers for the Funeral included Abby Walters, Cora Walters, Linda Nelson, Joni Griess, Deb Griess, Greg Crone, and Trevor Griess.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery following the Funeral Service. Military Honors were provided by the Shickley American Legion Post 164 and the U.S. Navy Honor Guard.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mission Central, Orphan Grain Train, or Zion Lutheran Cemetery Endowment Fund.

Cemetery Details

Zlon Lutheran Cemetery

Shickley, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
402 W Murray St
Shickley, NE 68436

Graveside Service

OCT 18 (CT)

Zlon Lutheran Cemetery
Shickley, NE

Tribute Wall



“ 39 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 21, 2021 at 11:33 AM

RH

“ Sandy and I are so happy for the opportunity to talk with Beno at Les and Carolyn's fiftieth anniversary party. He was always a blessing to our church and much appreciated. Our thoughts and prayers are with Connelly and Camella

Richard Hoogerhyde - October 16, 2021 at 05:29 PM

RH

“ Ron and Kathy Haug purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Earl Dean "Beno" Frieden.



Ron and Kathy Haug - October 15, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DM

“ *Our sympathy to Beno’s family and siblings. He was always such a friendly person. Such a likable man! Sorry for your loss!*

Dorothy & Harold Moravec - October 15, 2021 at 01:23 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear about Earl’s passing. Earl was always such a presence in the community and I am glad I got to know him. Always a smile and hello from him. My prayer and thoughts go out to you.*
Karen Bedlan

Karen Bedlan - October 14, 2021 at 04:34 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Earl Dean "Beno" Frieden*



Karen Bedlan - October 14, 2021 at 04:31 PM

LR

“ *Luther & Hilary Roit lit a candle in memory of Earl Dean "Beno" Frieden*



Luther & Hilary Roit - October 14, 2021 at 11:48 AM

MB

“ *Marge & Bob Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Earl Dean "Beno" Frieden*



Marge & Bob Bedlan - October 14, 2021 at 12:49 AM

DC

“ *I remember him coming to Arizona to see his family and what a pleasant and interesting guy to be around! I am so glad that we got to spend time with him and a chance to meet him! Many prayers to family and friends, God Be With You All 🙏*

Debbie Carl - October 13, 2021 at 11:00 PM