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Donald Whannell, 88

Feb. 28, 1919 - Feb. 8, 2008

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Donald H. Whannell, age 88, of Council Bluffs passed away February 8, 2008 at Risen Son Nursing Home. Don was born February 28, 1919 in Missouri Valley, IA to the late Hugh and Agnes (Chalmers) Whannell. He served our country in the U.S. Army during WWII and was Glenn Miller's personal driver in Europe.

Don married Yvonne Reid in Harlan, IA on November 23, 1948 and to this union seven children were born. The Whannell family lived in Minden, Iowa before moving to Council Bluffs in 1977. Don worked for H.K. Scholz Electrical Contractors for 25 years retiring in 2002. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #104.

Don was preceded in death by one sister and one brother. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Yvonne Whannell; daughters, Patty Fernside and husband Ben, Pauline Jennings and friend Gary Thomas all of Council Bluffs, Mary Lee Ohlinger and husband Richard of Portsmouth, IA, sons, Don Whannell and wife Diane of Underwood, IA, Paul Whannell and wife Rita of Glenwood, IA, Tim Whannell and friend Kris Rodenburg of Underwood, IA, Tom Whannell and wife Kathy of Council Bluffs; 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren; sister, Bette Grant of Omaha, NE; brother, Paul Whannell of Boone, IA; many nieces and nephews.

Wake services were held Sunday at 6:00 p.m. followed by visitation with the family until 8:00 p.m. at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, February 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola, IA with Rev. Paul Monahan officiating. Interment was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Neola with military rites tendered by the Neola, IA American Legion Post #330. The family will direct memorials.

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