

# Melvin F. Wiebel November 15, 1922 - July 15, 2015

Melvin F. (Mel) Wiebel, age 92 of Lowden, passed away on Wednesday July 15, 2015 at Wheatland Manor. Funeral services will be held on Monday July 20, 2015 at 10:30 A.M at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowden with Pastor Daniel Redhage officiating. Burial will follow at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday July 19, 2015 from 4-8 P.M at Chapman Funeral Home in Clarence.

Melvin was born on the family farm north of Lowden on November 15, 1922, the son of Fred H. and Olga (Bunge) Wiebel. He graduated from Lowden High School in 1940. He married Margery Kelting on July 22, 1951 at the UCC church in Wheatland.

Mel played 4 seasons of professional baseball from 1946-1949. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church, served as Chairman of its Board of Elders, and as President of the Congregation. He was also an active member in the Lowden Community for many years, serving as President of the Lowden Commercial Club, and President of the Lowden Development Corporation for 18 years. He also served as a member of the Cedar County Extension Council.

Mel was a charter member of the Lowden Lions Club, and served as Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Governor in 1995-96, and as Council Chairman of District 9x9 of Iowa in 1996-97. He served as a Discussion Leader at USA-Canada Forum in Milwaukee. He received many awards for his work in Lionism, including Lowden Lions Club President (twice), International Lions Presidential Award, the second highest award in Lions International, and also the Warren Coleman Honorary award from the Iowa Lions Foundation. He is a Lions International Melvin Jones Fellow. Mel was an auctioneer for over 40 years, as well as a real estate broker and owner of Mel Wiebel Real Estate Agency. He is also a retired farmer.

Mel is survived by his wife, Margery; daughter, MaryLou (Roger) Jaussi of Novi, Ml.; sons, Kevin (Susan) of Allen, TX, Kent (Michelle) of Eldridge, David (Dawn) of Cedar Rapids, Dean (Renee) of Van Horne, and Glen (Shawna) of Cedar Rapids; 15 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and a sister, Carolyn Hanneman of Florissant, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Camp Courageous of Iowa or Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Cemetery



19 Jul

## **Visitation**

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Chapman Funeral Home - Clarence 311 5th Avenue, Clarence, IA 52216, United States

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## **Service**

10:30 AM

Trinity Lutheran Church 801 Washington Ave, Lowden, Iowa 52255, United States

#### Tribute Wall



#### Karen Howell

Mary Lou, Roger and Family. We're so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Craig and I were planning on coming to the Monday service and just realized the service is in Iowa. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with a you and all of your family. As special as you are, I know he had to be a wonderful person and will be missed. All our love, The Howell Family



"Candle of Love" was lit in memory of Melvin F. Wiebel

Light a candle

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

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# **Bob Mowry**

Marge & Family, Sorry to hear of Melvins passing. He was fine gentleman and a pillar in the community. I always enjoyed visiting with him.,



# **Dennis Smeltzer**

Wiebel Family sorry to read about the passing of Melvin. May God be with your family at this time. It was always a fun time to talk with Melvin about baseball and softball. Dennis Smeltzer



# Ken & Brenda Vacek

Glen, Shawna and boys - so sorry to hear of your loss. May your wonderful memories help to ease the pain. You're in our thoughts. Ken & Brenda Vacek



#### **Carole Singer**

Mary Steve and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers Carole and Steve Singer