

CARL L. SCHROEDER

3/9/1929-9/8/2012



Carl L. Schroeder, 83, lifetime Tekamah resident and businessman, died on Saturday, September 8th at the Tekamah Golden Living Center after a long illness. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2012, at the Tekamah Presbyterian Church with Inurnment at a later date. Visitation will be on Thursday evening, September 13th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall.

Carl was born on March 9, 1929 to Byron and Phoebe (Goll) Schroeder. He attended Tekamah schools, graduating in 1947. He also attended University of Nebraska in Lincoln before enlisting in the Army. He served most of his service time in Germany as a motorcycle MP. Upon discharge Carl served as a Deputy Sheriff for Burt County.

Carl and Charlotte Sluyter were married on November 22, 1951. To this union three sons; Terry, John and Clark were born.

As a young man Carl worked with his father who had a lumber yard and sold J.I. Case farm machinery. Carl and his uncle, Joe Bliss, started Schroeder and Bliss Oldsmobile Auto Sales in 1952. Later Carl and Bob Aronson started Aronson Marine Sales and Service, which Carl eventually purchased in 1962 and operated until a few years ago.

Carl has volunteered many hours to V.F.W. and the community. He joined the V.F.W. in 1948, became commander of Post 3304 1966 -67 and was Department Commander 1976-77. He has served many State & National Chairmanships and attended numerous National conventions.

Carl joined the Tekamah Fire Department in 1950, and was a member for 27 years. He also served as president of the fire department. During this time Carl and several others started the Tekamah Rescue Squad. He served as squad captain for many years and was known by many as 'Captain Carl'.

Carl served as mayor of Tekamah 1978 -1982 during which time the compactor was built. He served on Tekamah Housing Authority Board, Airport Authority and Airport Manager. He is still a member of the Airport Authority Board. In the early 1960's Carl earned his pilots license and later his flight instructor's license. He taught many Tekamah area residents how to fly a plane. In 1954 Sheriff Dean and Carl put in Burt County's first radio system. He received permanent law enforcement certification in April of 1976.

Carl was appointed Civil Defense director 38 years ago. It later became known as Region 5-6 Emergency Management. He served as director until earlier this year when his son Terry Schroeder was appointed to succeed him.

Carl and Norma Jean Crom were married on June 10, 1997 in Yankton, S.D. Carl, Jean and their families spent many summer and fall hours enjoying his beloved riverfront home away from home.

Carl is survived by his wife, Norma Jean; his sons, Terry Schroeder (friend Patty Bartels), John (Julie) Schroeder of Tekamah and Clark Schroeder of Omaha; his step-children, Norman (Vickie) Barr of Tekamah, Debra (Neil) Dunn of Craig, LeRoy Crom of Woodbine, IA, and Denise Cowell (friend Scot Simpson) of Tekamah; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers are: Bob Aronson, Don Coffman, Clark Sauer, Bill Aronson, Bill Pook, Jerry Lindley and the Tekamah Fire and Rescue.

Memorials may be made to Tekamah Rescue Squad, Chatt Senior Center or your choice.

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