

LuVerne Zoss, 86 ✓

July 19, 1926 - Feb. 20, 2013

DES MOINES — F. LuVerne Zoss was born on July 19, 1926 in Manson to Fred and Alice (Heuser) Zoss and graduated from Manson High School in 1944. After high school he served in the Navy in World War II on the battleship USS Nevada and the destroyer USS Willard Keith.

LuVerne married Kathryn Burkgren on November 13, 1949 at the Emanuel Lutheran church in Dayton. To this union six children were born. LuVerne farmed and worked in agricultural sales, retiring in 1989. He was a resident of Harlan from 1965 to 1995. LuVerne enjoyed gardening, playing bridge, reading and spending time with friends and family. A member

of Kiwanis in Harlan, he was named outstanding president of Nebraska/Iowa district 1984-1985. LuVerne was a member of the Union Park United Methodist Church in Des Moines where he also enjoyed Bible study class. He was also proud to be a member of MENSA. He died February 20, 2013 at age 86.

LuVerne is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Gloria Gleason. He is survived by his wife Kathryn; children Bruce, Steven, Rebecca Deterding (Darrel), Ronald (Denise), Dennis (Cathleen), and Valerie Defenbaugh (Dan); brother Leonard Zoss (Vivian); sister Nadine Braley (Ed); brother-in-law Delbert Gleason; grandchildren Jason, Jessica, Julia, Kristin, Brooke, Ali, Cody, Nathan, Faith, Alexandra, Jordan and Ryan; great grandchildren Austin, Mari, Aubrey, Imrie, Natalie, Kingsley and Adria; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Union Park United Methodist Church in Des Moines on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. A private interment of his cremated remains was held at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery.

