

## **FLINN, IRVIN DEAN "IRV"**

### Birth

May 26, 1930 in Waukee, Iowa

### Death

February 4, 1994 at Iowa Methodist  
Medical Center, Des Moines,  
Polk Co., Iowa



### Cause of Death

Metastatic Non-Oat Cell; carcinoma of lung  
Record of Deaths, No 13-139 on file in  
Clerk's office at Indianola, Iowa

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on North ½ Lot 155  
Lot was purchased by Irvin Flinn on March 27, 1958

### Father

Glenn Kettells Flinn

### Mother

Lorene Florida Acheson

### Marriage

Irvin Dean Flinn to Ruth Lois Miller on January 18, 1951 in West Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa.

Ref: Ruth L. "Dolly" Flinn

### Census

1930 - The census was done on April 28, 1930. Irvin's parents, Glenn and Lorene Flinn with sons, Earl and Lewis were living in Boone Twp., Dallas Co., IA. Irvin was born May 26, 1930 so missed being on the census.

1940 – Washington Twp., Clarke Co., Iowa; ED20-17; Page 1B; April 4, 1940  
Family 11

Flinn, Glenn	36	Farmer	IA
		Completed 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	
		In 1935 was in Dallas Co.	
Lorene	31	Completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> year High School	IA
Earl	12	Completed 4 <sup>th</sup> grade	IA
Lewis	11	Completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	IA
Irvin	09	Completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	IA
Wilma	07	Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> grade	IA
Gordon	05		OA

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Irvin Dean Flinn, born May 26, 1930 at Waukee, Dallas Co., IA; died February 4, 1994 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, IA; age 63 yr.; cause of death was metastatic non-oat cell due to carcinoma of lung; social security #481-30-8564; wife was Ruth Miller; father was Glenn Kettells Flinn; mother was Florida Lorene Acheson; funeral home was Peterson’s with J. Steven Green as director; physician was Dr. Thomas R. Buroker.

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Obituary

[The Des Moines Sunday Register, February 6, 1994, Page 5B]

Irvin D. Flinn, 63, of Cumming died of cancer Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Airport Baptist Church in Des Moines, with burial at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla.

Mr. Flinn was born in Waukee and had lived in the Cumming area 40 years. He had been parts manager at Kenworth Mid-Iowa, and was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Cumming American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Ruth “Dolly”; two sons, Donald and Ronald, both of Cumming; his mother Lorene Flinn of West Des Moines; three brothers, Earl of Cumming, Gordon of West Des Moines and Lewis of Spring Hill; a sister, Wilma Beveridge of West Des Moines; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call all day Monday at Peterson Funeral Home in Indianola, where the family will be present from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Ridge Cemetery’s Avenue of Flags fund.

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[N/Warren Town and County News, Page 2, Thursday February 10, 1994]

Services were held Tuesday, February 8, at Airport Baptist Church for Irvin D. Flinn, 63, Cumming. Burial was at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Orilla.

Mr. Flinn died of cancer Friday, February 4, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

Born in Waukee, Mr. Flinn had lived in the Cumming area 40 years. He had been parts manager at Kenworth Mid-Iowa, and was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Cumming American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to PleasantRidgeCemetery's Avenue of Flags fund.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, "Dolly"; two sons, Donald and Ronald, both of Cumming; his mother, Loren Flinn of West Des Moines; three brothers, Earl of Cumming, Gordon of West Des Moines, and Lewis of Spring Hill; a sister, Wilma Beveridge of West Des Moines; and five grandchildren.

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[The Record-Herald and Indianola Tribune, Wednesday February 9, 1994]

Irvin D. Flinn, 63, of Cumming died of cancer Friday, February 4, 1994, at IowaMethodistMedicalCenter in Des Moines. Services were held February 8, at AirportBaptistChurch in Des Moines, with burial at PleasantRidgeCemetery in Orilla.

Mr. Flinn was born in Waukee and had lived in the Cumming area 40 years. He had been parts manager at Kenworth Mid-Iowa, and was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Cumming American Legion.

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Peterson Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to PleasantRidgeCemetery's Avenue of Flags fund.

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### Military

Born May 26, 1930 at Waukee, Iowa; residence was RR #1, West Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; Entered Army on March 8, 1951 at Des Moines, Iowa and had basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas; Service Number was US 55 093 429; he was a Sergeant in the 5<sup>th</sup> Army; was in Anti-Aircraft; 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; 15<sup>th</sup> AAA Battalion self-propelled; AUS Artillery; D Btry 8<sup>th</sup> AAA BN (AW) (SMBL) at Camp Lucas, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan; was in the Korean Conflict; Medals were Korean Svc Medal w/2 Bronze Campaign Stars—UN Svc Medal; Discharged Dec. 8, 1952 at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

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Irvin Dean Flinn son of Glenn Kettells Flinn and Florida Lorene (Acheson) Flinn was born May 26, 1930 at Waukee, IA; He has three brothers, Earl, born on March 15, 1928, Lewis born March 1, 1929 and Gordon, better known as Ike, born January 20, 1935. He also has one sister, Wilma (Flinn) Beveridge born October 3, 1932.

His parents were farmers. They lived in the Waukee and Earlham area until about 1936. They then moved and spent time on farms in the Osceola, Van Wert and Murray areas.

In 1944 they left the farm and moved to Commerce now part of West Des Moines. Irvin was then fourteen and finished eighth grade in the CommerceSchool.

He then went to work at the Hubbell Farms. When he was sixteen he went to work at Brady Motor Company and in 1948 he went to work at Sanders Motor Company. At this time through a friend he met and married Ruth Miller.

He was drafted into the Army on March 7, 1951. On May 26, 1951 his son Don was born on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. He had six weeks basic training at Ft. Riley, KS and then was sent to Ft. Bliss in El Paso, TX for additional training in heavy artillery. In August of 1951 he was sent to Korea where he spent one year. Upon returning to the states he was sent to Sault Ste. Marie, MI where he spent the remainder of his time in the army. He received his discharge on December 8, 1952.

In January of 1953 Irv, his wife and baby moved into a small house in Urbandale. Irv went to work for Des Moines Wheel and Rim Company where he remained for eight year.

On November 30, 1953 his second son, Ron was born. In 1954 he moved to the rural Cumming area and lived in an old two story house for two years. In 1956 Irv and his wife decided to build their own house on an acre received from Uncles Walter and John Anderson. They lived in the basement for four years and in 1960 finally he was able to finish adding the top part of the house onto the basement. In 1961 Irv went to work for White Motor Company, he stayed there for three years. In 1964 he went to work for Kenworth Mid-Iowa. He is parts manager there and has now been with them for twenty two years. He has started a small lawn mower business at home to fill in the spare time. He enjoys this very much. – by Ruth Flinn