

Marvin Lewis Symonds

Marvin Lewis Symonds was born February 20, 1922, at Cherokee, IA, to Lewis Robert and Pearl Francis (Anderson) Symonds. At the age of one, he moved with his parents to a ranch near Sulphur, SD. He grew up on the ranch and attended Royal Center Country School. After completing his education, he worked for area ranchers herding sheep and cattle. He was drafted into the US Army and served his country in India, Burma, and China during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, he returned home and continued to work for area ranchers.

He married Ilene Knutson at Rapid City on September 26, 1947. The couple bought their first ranch in 1954. They raised hogs, cattle, sheep, and farmed east of Newell. Following their retirement in 1985, they moved to Newell in September of 2009 where Marvin enjoyed a good game of cards and like to visit Deadwood. He was an excellent neighborhood mechanic.

Marvin was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion.

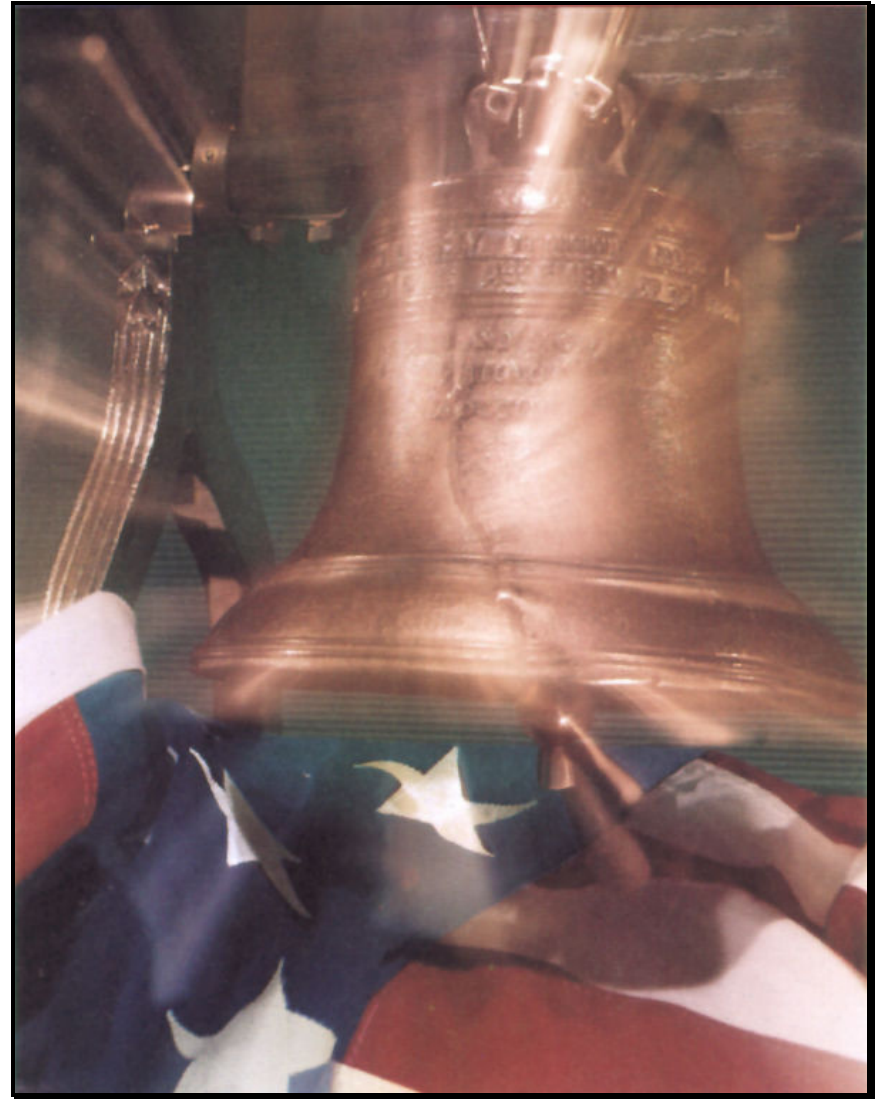
Marvin, 89, Newell, died Monday, December 12, 2011, at the Fort Meade VA Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Ilene Symonds, Newell; one son, Ben (Susan) Symonds, Hulett, WY; daughters, Nancy Tennis, Newell, and Dawn (Calvin) Griffin, Belle Fourche; brother, Don (LaVonne) Symonds, Longmont, CO; sisters, Hope (Clint) Septka, Sturgis, Wanda Hogan, Sturgis, Ardith Holmes, Casper, WY, and Lamerne Lee, Laramie, WY; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Mavis Symonds, Sturgis and Dolly Symonds, Lotus, California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, one grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

A memorial has been established to the Shriner's Transportation Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadeefunerals.com.



In Loving Memory Of

Marvin Symonds

1922 ~ 2011

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and lunch
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.*

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Born

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Died

December 12, 2011
Fort Meade, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, December 16, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Tom Martin

Special Music

Vonda Mahaffy

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"
"Wabash Cannonball"
"Snow White Dove"

Pallbearers

Marvin Kinn ~ Duane Wallery ~ Tracy Deschamps
Brian Deschamps ~ Jade Deschamps ~ Seth Tennis

Honorary Pallbearers

All Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Black Hills National Cemetery