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**L**ange Funeral Home 856-2000

William Glenn (Boots) Besse age 96 of Cincinnati, Iowa passed away Monday evening, May 16, 2011 at the Golden Age Care Center, Centerville. Boots was born on October 10, 1914 in Cincinnati, Iowa, the son of Henry and Daisy (Ervin) Besse. His father Henry was a Civil War veteran. He is survived by the love of his life of seventy four years Leolla (Houser) Besse; his special sister-in-law Lesteretta (Houser) Mathews whom he use to rock to sleep before he and Leolla could go on a date; many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews who all loved him; along with a host of friends from all walks of life. Private First Class Glenn (Boots) Besse joined the United States Army in 1941 and served his country until 1943. He served in the Philippines and did field artillery and delivered mail to the service men. During his life he was a school teacher at two country schools, opened five gas stations, and was a dealer for Sinclair Oil Bulk Company. Boots belonged to the # 501 Prosperity Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, and was recognized by the governor of Iowa for being a son of a Civil War veteran. He was also a member of both the Cincinnati School Board and city council for many years. Boots was a faithful member of the Cincinnati West Christian Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ira and Pete Besse; three sisters, Mattie Walker, Maxine Robbins, and Ivy Casiday. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 Am Thursday morning May 19, 2011 at the Lange Funeral Home, Centerville, with Pastor Kay Singley officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 PM at the Lange Funeral Home. A Masonic Service will be held. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Cincinnati, Iowa . A memorial has been established to Mercy Hospice and First Christian Church, Cincinnati. Condolences may be left at the [langefh.com](http://langefh.com)



## Obituary

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Funeral Service

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Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000



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**Anonymous** posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss, my prayers and thoughts are with his Wife and Family Posted by Leslie VanBlaricom - Friend of Family May 17, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

A lot of great memories come to mind when I think of Boots. Although the most comical one would be Hay Dayz 2009 Mr Legs contest Boots got on stage in his shorts and walked the runway! He won the oldest legs award and the whitest! He and Leola were also awarded the award for longest married couple that year too! My kids will always remember all the lunches they got to eat with Boots and Leola at the Cincy Store, Maddi looked forward to going to the store and eating lunch with them! We love you Boots and will miss you dearly! Posted by angela beals - cincinnati, IA - close friends May 17, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Boots will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. I have many fond memories of all the times I visited him and Aunt Odie as a child. He will forever be in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you Aunt Odie. Thank You for all the wonderful memories. Love, Michelle Posted by Michelle Burgess (Farnsworth) - Rock Island, IL - Great Niece May 19, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Boots was such a very kind, loving, special man and together with Aunt Odie you couldn't have found two more wonderful people. Every time my family would go to Cincy to visit our Grandparents, us kids would be so excited to go visit Uncle Boots and Aunt Odie. We were always welcomed into their home and could do anything we wanted and they never seemed to mind how much of a mess we would make. Uncle Boots, you are truly a one of a kind man and I will miss you forever. Love always and forever. Posted by Kimberly Trickey - Colona, IL - Great Niece May 19, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Have alot of fond memories of my special Uncle Boots. You could not ask for a better Aunt and Uncle. I remember Uncle Boots running the sinclair station in Cincinnati and Aunt Odie selling popcorn out front of the station. That was the good old days. Uncle Boots is going to be missed by everyone who ever knew him. Mu children, grandchildren and great grandchildren all adored him. You wil be sadly missed Uncle Boots. I love you. Dixie Posted by Dixie Arnold - Henderson, TN - Niece May 18, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My fondest memories would be of my young childhood when we would visit Cincinnati we spent many of our times at our Uncle Boots and Aunt Odieshome. Infact so did most of our extended familes, Christmas's , 4th of Julyand just about everytime we all got together. He will be deeply missed! Posted by Renee (Mathews) Tyler, Briana and Mathew Darner - Loveland, CO - niece May 18, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I HAVE ALOT OF MEMORIES OF UNCLE BOOTS. ONE THAT STANDS OUT IS WHEN HIM AND AUNT ODIE CAME TO MY DAUGHTER'S WEDDING IN 2003. MY OLDEST GRANDDAUGHTER WAS JUST ABOUT THREE WEEKS OLD AND HE WAS HOLDING HER. HE WAS LIKE A GRANDFATHER TO ALL OF THE GREAT NIECES AND NEPHEW. GOING TO MISS HIM BUT KNOW HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE. LOVE YOU. SHERRY Posted by SHERRY BLADE - ROCKFORD, IL - NEICE May 21, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

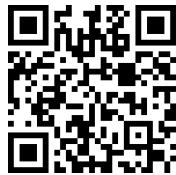
As a child I remember going with Uncle Boots making deliveries in his gas truck, the best part was sitting on his lap and steering. I loved spending time with Uncle Boots and Aunt Leola making homemade ice cream, staying at their house was great. Uncle boots will never be forgotten especially since you shared a birthday with my wife Fran. My kids and now grandsons thought you were the best!!! Dick Posted by Dick Robbins - nephew May 19, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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