

Clement McElroy "Whoopie" Landis, 89 years, 10 months and 10 days, of Nebraska City, Nebraska passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the Ambassador Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Whoopie was born Saturday, June 29, 1929, in Nebraska City to Clement Millar Landis and Mildred Doris (McElroy) Landis. He graduated from Nebraska City High School in 1947 and on September 10, 1948, married his high school sweetheart Lois Marie Stoewe. To this union two daughters were born, Diana Lynn Landis and Karen Sue (Landis) Hand. Outside of a few months in Omaha, he lived his entire life in Nebraska City. Whoopie enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War, where he served proudly. His father started Landis Engine Co. in the basement of their residence at 1206 First Corso. Whoopie worked along side Clement as a small engine mechanic. As the business grew.

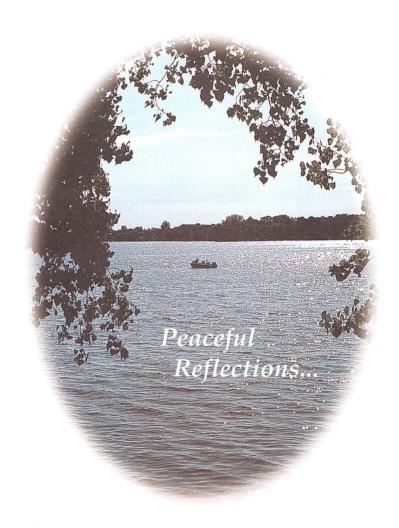
a lot was purchased and a building erected at 210 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street to house "Landis Engine Co". Whoopie purchased the business and became the owner when Clement retired. He worked there until he sold the business and retired. He was a hard working man and would always greet people with a smile and would ask "Have You Heard" to start telling a joke to you. Whoopie and Clement raced hydroplane and runabout boats for many years. When the go-cart craze hit small towns, they along with Lois, raced those in Nebraska City and surrounding area. He was an avid fisherman and boater and preferred the Missouri River. Whoopie was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry and also taught Sunday School. He was past master of Masonic Lodge #2 - Nebraska City. Of great pride was his time as a volunteer fireman of the Great Western Company and was Assistant Chief of the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department. After heart surgery he resigned to allow his spot to be assumed by a younger healthier volunteer. Whoopie was preceded in death by his: wife Lois; parents, Clement and Mildred: and sister-in-laws: Betty Zastera, Margaret (Alan) Schuster.

Whoopie is survived by his daughters: Diana Lynn Landis, of Council Bluffs, IA, and Karen (Gene) Hand, of Lincoln, NE; grandchildren: Gregory Gene (Deanna Kuhn) Hand, of Omaha, NE, and Kama Marie Hand (Chris) Bedient of Lincoln, NE; great grandchildren: Tayler and Avery Hand, of Omaha, NE, and Kaiden, Blayke, Hannah, Paxton, and Kolbe Bedient, of Lincoln, NE; sister, Norma (Dave) Thompson, of Grand Prairie, TX; sister-in-law, Dr. Judith K. Stoewe, Omaha, NE; brother-in-law, William Zastera, of Omaha, NE; and special girlfriend and companion, Mary Kellogg, of Nebraska City, NE; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friend.

The family of Whoopie would like to sincerely thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtful expressions of love and comfort at a time when it is deeply needed and appreciated:

May God bless each and every one of you.

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# God's finger touched him and he slipped away

From earth's dark shadows to a brighter day;

God saw the road was getting rough,

The hills were hard to climb:

He gently closed his weary eyes,

And whispered, "Peace be thine."

To a beautiful garden this friend has gone,

To a Land of perfect rest;

Though he is gone he still lives on

In the garden of memory

# MEMORIALS MAY BE GIVEN TO THE

St. Mary's Episcopal Church or Nebraska City Fire Fighters Museum

### SERVICES CONDUCTED BY

Peterson Mortuary
111 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Nebraska City, Nebraska
www.PetersonMortuaryNE.com

# Remembering and Celebrating the Life of

# Clement McElroy "Whoopie" Landis

#### DATE OF BIRTH

Saturday, June 29, 1929 Nebraska City, Nebraska

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#### **AGE**

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#### **FUNERAL SERVICE FROM**

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Nebraska City, Nebraska Monday, May 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

#### **OFFICIATING**

The Reverend .Robert William Scott

#### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

#8 "Morning Has Broken"
#689 "I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God"

# **HONORARY BEARERS**

The Nebraska City Fire Department Members

## CASKET BEARERS

Kayden Bedient ~ Dave Eigenberg ~ Kirk Eigenberg ~ John Fecht Ron Peery ~ Steve Recker ~ Randy Sanks ~ Gene Schuster

# LUNCHEON

The family wishes to invite all relatives and friends to a luncheon in the basement of the church, following the Interment.

#### INTERMENT

Wyuka Cemetery in Nebraska City, Nebraska

If you drive in the funeral procession to the cemetery, please turn your headlights
on high and obey all traffic laws unless instructed by law enforcement.