

## David Longenecker May 18, 1927 - February 18, 2010



David Longenecker, Palisade, passed away on February 18, 2010 at the Aspen Ridge Alzheimer's Care Center. David was born in Manilla, Iowa on May 18, 1927 to Everett and Lesta Longenecker. He graduated from Manilla High School in 1945. After serving with the Army Occupation Forces in Yokohama, Japan from 1946-1947, he returned to attend Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines, Iowa for two years. David obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa in 1952 and a Master's of Education Degree from Northern Colorado University at Greeley, Colorado in 1955. David taught Language Arts in Grafton, Iowa for three years; at Palisade High School for 17 years and at Central High School for 13 years. On June 20, 1948, he married Arleta Mendell. They had six children, Cynthia (Phillip) Brant, Colleen (Kirk)

Hayer, Teresa (Ted) Gower, Mark (Linda) Longenecker, David R. (Theresa) Longenecker, and Holly (Tony) Gleiforst. They have nine grandchildren and claim four more through marriage, and five great grandchildren. David enjoyed barbershop singing for 39 years. He also enjoyed music of the 1940's and 1950's, Lawrence Welk, watching football games and the news. He was a member of the Palisade United Methodist Church. Services were held on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Palisade United Methodist Church with Pastor Al Woolman officiating. Burial followed at the Palisade Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Palisade United Methodist Church, 365 Main St. Palisade, Colorado 81526. Arrangements entrusted to Snell-McLean Funeral Home.