



Milton M. Beed

July 27, 1920 - April 21, 2018

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Milton M. Beed, of Norfolk will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Reverend John Petersen officiating. Interment will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday also at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be provided by the Nebraska Army National Honor Guard, Nebraska American Legion Riders, American Legion Post 16 of Norfolk, V.F.W. Post 1644 of Norfolk, and the Son's of the American Legion Post #326 of Osmond.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Milton Marion Beed was born July 27, 1920, to Mitchell and Bessie Beed, who farmed a plot of land near Meadow Grove. By the time Beed was a teenager, the Midwest was in the depths of the Great Depression and drought that left many people scratching to make a living and find work. In October 1937, Beed was one of a group of young men from Madison County selected to serve in the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was a government work-relief program for unemployed, unmarried men. He stayed with the Corps for 18 months. Then came World War II. On Dec. 20, 1941, just weeks after Pearl Harbor was attacked, Beed enlisted in the military at Fort Crook and underwent his training at Fort Lewis, Wash. During the war, he spent six months on the island of Okinawa and was discharged on Jan. 18, 1947.

While in the service, he married Mary Catherine Spoon of Indianapolis, Ind. Not long after World War II ended, the United States became involved in the

conflict between North and South Korea. In 1948, Beed re-enlisted. By the summer of 1950, he was fighting with American forces in Korea.

In February 1951, Beed was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, supporting the Republic of Korea Army against units of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces. The fighting took place in the village of Hoengsong, in an area known as the Central Corridor in South Korea, according to official reports. After enduring sustained enemy attacks, the American units withdrew to Wonju, South Korea, but not before hundreds of American soldiers were captured, including Beed.

The prisoners were marched north to the Suan POW Camp Complex. Beed was officially listed as missing on Feb. 12, 1951. In August 1953, his parents were officially informed that he had died while in the prison camp. Later they learned that the cause of death was malnutrition. Suzanne Jensen said she believes her grandparents never really recovered from their son's death.

"When we had get-togethers, nothing was said (about Milton)," said the Fremont woman. "I imagine (losing him) took a part of them." In May 1954, even though his remains were buried thousands of miles away, family, friends and community members gathered for a memorial service for Beed at the Methodist Church in Battle Creek. At some point, his brother, Jack, who is Jensen's father, bought a burial plot for him at Hillcrest Cemetery in Norfolk. He even had a marker placed on it in the hope that someday his brother would come home. But Milton Beed continued to languish in a far-away grave. One by one, his parents, siblings and their spouses died without being able to put the remains of their son and brother to rest. During those years, the government's Defense/POW Accounting Agency continued its efforts to recover the remains of soldiers who had died while in enemy hands. In 2013, Jensen contacted Chuck Hagel, who was then the U.S. secretary of defense, asking for assistance in finding her uncle. This past January, Jensen learned that her uncle's remains had been recovered and identified.

Beed is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Catherine, his parents, Mitchell and

Bessie, and his siblings and their spouses, Helen and Samuel McClure, Kenneth and Jean Beed, Jack and Leona Beed, Doris and Leonard Becker and Philip and Mary Beed.

For his military service, Beed was awarded the Purple Heart, POW Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Milton M. Beed*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Thank you for your service and the sacrifice you made for your country. God bless!*

Gina Lancaster - April 25, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ *Thank you, Sir for your service and ultimate sacrifice! Gods blessings and grace yo all his family!*

Danelle McKeown - April 21, 2018 at 05:47 PM