



## Chester Travis Auch

January 11, 1920 - February 19, 2008

Chester Travis Auch was born on January 11, 1920 on the family farm north of Bennington, Nebraska. Chet grew up on the farm and attended Washington Grade School and graduated from Bennington High School in 1937. Chet was baptized at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, NE. He rode his horse to school, worked for the neighbors, participated in basketball and attended many youth church activities. Chet enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in October of 1941. Chet aspired to be a pilot but inner ear problems force him to divert to the mechanics program where he rose to the level of Staff Sergeant and served as a Flight Chief. He was 27 hours short of 5000 hours in the air. Chet was involved in action in the western and central Pacific, Northern Solomons, Southern Philippines, Eastern Mandates, China, Guadalcanal and New Guinea Luzon. He was discharged in August of 1945 and he returned home to farm.

Chet married LaVonne Heger on May 15, 1954 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington, Nebraska and they were blessed with a son, Londo. Chet and LaVonne made their home at the family farm until 1980 when they moved into Bennington.

Chet was a lifelong farmer. He loved the work even after he was long retired. He was happiest when he could visit the farm daily and spent time talking about the farm and all the daily activities involved. Chet was a member of American Legion Post #266 in Bennington, the Washington County Fair Board and Washington County Extension Board. He was proud of his family and

enjoyed attending the activities of his grandchildren.

Chet passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair, Nebraska at the age of 88 years, 1 month and 8 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Gustav and Sophie and his wife LaVonne. Chet is survived by son and daughter-in-law Londo and Lorna of Bennington, Nebraska; grandchildren Adrienne and Bruce Larsen and Andrew Auch all of Bennington, Nebraska.

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# Tribute Wall



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