

**H**. Eugene "Gene" Jonas, age 79, of Albert City, Iowa, died on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at the Pleasant View Home at Albert City.

Howard Eugene "Gene" Jonas, the son of Frank and Irene (Eberle) Jonas, was born on a farm near Pocahontas, Iowa, on June 6, 1930. At an early age, Gene moved with his family to Rolfe, Iowa, prior to moving to Laurens. Gene lived most of his youth in Laurens and received his education there, graduating from Laurens High School in 1947.



Gene exchanged his marriage vows with Marjorie Ryon at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Laurens, Iowa, on June 11, 1951, and this couple was blessed with three children: James, Diane, and Michael. Following their marriage, Gene worked at the local furniture store. In 1966, they began farming south of Laurens where they raised their family and resided for 29 years, retiring in 1995. Gene and Marge moved to Albert City in 1995 where they have lived their retirement years. Gene suffered a stroke in 1996.

Since November of 2006, Gene has been a resident of the Pleasant View Home in Albert City.

Gene was a renowned trumpet player in his father's orchestra, the Frank Jonas Orchestra. He shared his gift of music with many people throughout the 32 years he was a part of this musical group. Gene also had many other varied interests that included golfing and watching football and basketball games on television. He was an avid Hawkeye fan and followed their athletic teams. Gene and Marge had a lake home on Lost Island and they thoroughly enjoyed their times together there. Family was an important part of Gene's life and he especially was proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren and received so much enjoyment from them. Gene cherished the times they shared together and the memories they created for him.

Gene is lovingly remembered by his family: his wife: Marjorie of Albert City, Iowa, his children: Jim Jonas and Diane Jonas, both of Laurens, Iowa, and Mike and Sharon Jonas of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, his grandchildren: Alexis Dietz of Hampton, Iowa, Dominic, Jasmine, Lucas, and Hannah Jonas of Ankeny, Iowa, his two great grandchildren: Hunter and Emma Dietz, his mother: Irene Jonas of Fort Dodge, Iowa, three sisters: Dona Reitmeier of Bigelow, Minnesota, Lois Vander Schel of Chino Valley, Arizona, and Lucile Stumpf of Fort Dodge, other relatives, and the many friendships he established over the years.

He was preceded in death by his father.

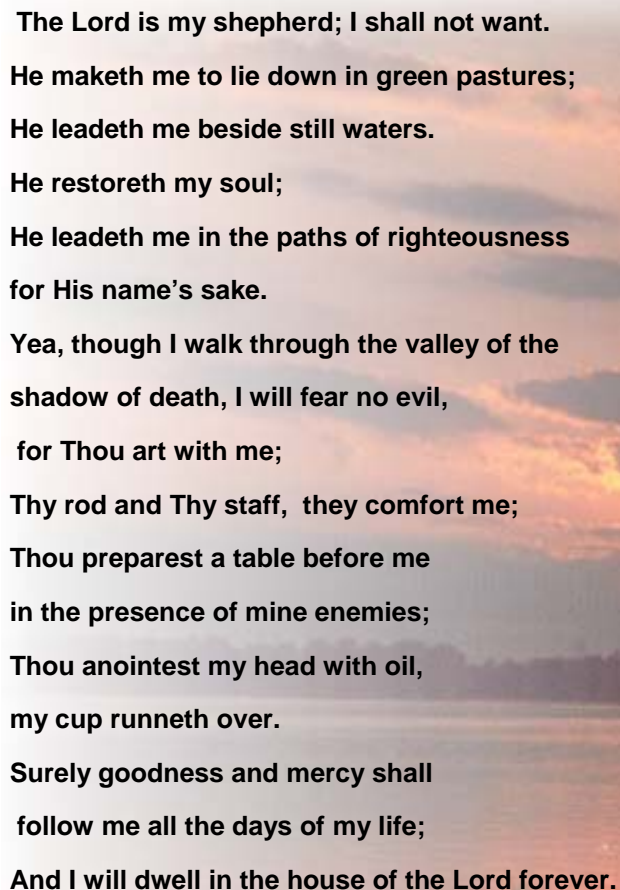
**Blessed be the memory of Howard Eugene "Gene" Jonas.**

## In Loving Memory



**Howard Eugene "Gene" Jonas**

1930  2009



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me;  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil,  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—Psalm 23

**W**e wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the church following the burial.

 **Gene's Family**

## **IN MEMORY OF**

### **H. Eugene "Gene" Jonas**

June 6, 1930  June 23, 2009

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Friday, June 26, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.  
Evangelical Free Church — Albert City, Iowa

#### **CLERGY**

Reverend Steve Smith

#### **ORGANIST**

Rhonda Richter

#### **SOLOIST**

Martha Harald

"One Day at a Time"

"In the Garden"

#### **CASKET BEARERS**

Jerry Eberle, Keith Eberle, Dennis Smith,  
Randy Smith, Ron Egertsen, Brian Mercer

#### **INTERMENT**

Fairfield Township Cemetery — Albert City, Iowa



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