

John R. Rasmussen, age 84, of Albert City, Iowa died January 13, 2012 at the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Albert City.

John Robert Rasmussen, the son of Elmer and Veronica (McCoy) Rasmussen, was born in Des Moines, Iowa on September 24, 1927. He attended All Saints and Visitation Grade School and was a graduate of Dowling High School in Des Moines.

John enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945, and attended Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where he was training to be a pilot before being honorably discharged in 1946. John returned to Iowa to attend Iowa State University in Ames where he graduated in 1950 with a degree in Agronomy.

John was united in marriage to Helen Miller on July 1, 1950. Together, they were blessed with six children.

John and Helen moved to Albert City where John was a Veteran's Instructor from 1950 to 1960. He taught the returning Korean War veterans and others, farming techniques. John then started Farm Automation Company in Albert City and Sioux Rapids, selling feed automated equipment.

John was a long time parishioner of St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Varina and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Laurens, Iowa where he served many years with the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed gardening and took up beekeeping the last several years, supplying honey to local residents. John loved just sitting in a lawn chair in the front yard, waving hello to friends and strangers alike that passed by and enjoyed anyone who stopped by to visit.

John is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Helen W. of Albert City, Iowa as well as their six children and spouses: Stephen (Sidney) Rasmussen of Lilburn, Georgia; Teresa (Roger) Pierce of Burlington, Iowa; David (Revellia) Rasmussen of Olathe, Kansas; Mary (Bruce) Case of Monument, Colorado; Monica (Jerry) Stone of Springfield, Illinois; and Mark (Michele) Rasmussen of Lilburn, Georgia; along with his 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard "Dick" Rasmussen of Chamblee, Georgia; two sisters: Mary-Ann Wahl of Des Moines, Iowa; Virginia Barton of Orlando, Florida; other extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Veronica and Elmer Rasmussen; and his brother, Father James Rasmussen.

In Loving Memory



John Robert Rasmussen

1927 — 2012

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



We 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 Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City immediately following the service.

— The Family of John Rasmussen

IN MEMORY OF John Robert Rasmussen

September 24, 1927 — January 13, 2012

FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Columbkille Catholic Church

Varina, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Siby Punnoose

ORGANIST

Marie Eckerman

ALTAR SERVERS

Joe Rasmussen and Sami Rasmussen

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Don Herrig, Darrel Behrens, Jack Darrow

Richard Blomberg, Tom Rasmussen, George Johnson

CASKET BEARERS

Jake Rasmussen, Ryan Rasmussen, Amir Rasmussen

Zack Rasmussen, Max Stone, Mick Stone, Andy Pierce

INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery — Albert City, Iowa

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