

Merle Galbraith, age 89, of Sioux Rapids, Iowa died Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Spencer Municipal Hospital in Spencer, Iowa.

Merle Rex Galbraith, the son of Robert and Florence (Deming) Galbraith was born on a farm near Sac City, Iowa, on July 9, 1926. He lived his youth in the Sac City vicinity and Merle was a graduate of the Sac City High School.

He was united in marriage to Joan Breyfogle in 1970 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Joan died in December of 1992. On January 1, 1994, Merle was united in marriage to Phyllis (Randall) Massee Roemer at the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Linn Grove. Merle and Phyllis were blessed with 21 years together. Merle's lifetime was totally devoted to his farming vocation. He began farming with his father and brothers near Sac City until moving to the Marathon area where he farmed for himself. In 1994, Merle moved into the town of Sioux Rapids but didn't retire from farming until 1996. Even in his "retirement", Merle continued to help Brian Halverson on his farm from 1996 until 2013.

Merle was a member of the Riverside Evangelical Free Church in Linn Grove. He was a member of the Farm Bureau for over 50 years, a member of the Sioux Rapids Historical Society, the Dinner Date, and the "Coffee Club." Merle enjoyed taking his "best girl" out to eat, watching sports, playing solitaire, and he took an active interest in Case tractors.

Merle's life is lovingly remembered and celebrated by his family which include his wife, Phyllis of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; his children: JoAnn Breyfogle of Alta, Iowa; Lucinda "Cindy" (Jon) Ringgenberg of North Mankato, Minnesota; Jane Massee (Kevin Williams) of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Karen (Dwayne) Campney of Harvard, Illinois; and son-in-law, Ed Risinger of Lufkin, Texas; grandchildren: Chad (Laurie) Breyfogle, Brandi Breyfogle, Jeremy Breyfogle, Andrea (Charles) Rambo, Patrick (Tami) Risinger, Cara Ringgenberg, Tanya Ringgenberg, Joseph Ringgenberg, Debbie (Todd) Benjamin, Daniel Roemer, Jody Roemer, Nick Marshall; great grandchildren: Nicole Rambo, Emleigh, Douglas, and Hannah Compton, Amelia Breyfogle, Nathaniel Breyfogle; one brother, James (Ann) Galbraith of Sac City, Iowa; two sisters: Arlene Wilardsen of Clive, Iowa; and Ruth Ellen Smith of Sac City, Iowa; nieces, nephews, other extended family and his many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joan; two daughters: Paulette Breyfogle and Susan Risinger; son, Ernest Breyfogle; and two brothers: Gerald Galbraith and Leroy Galbraith.

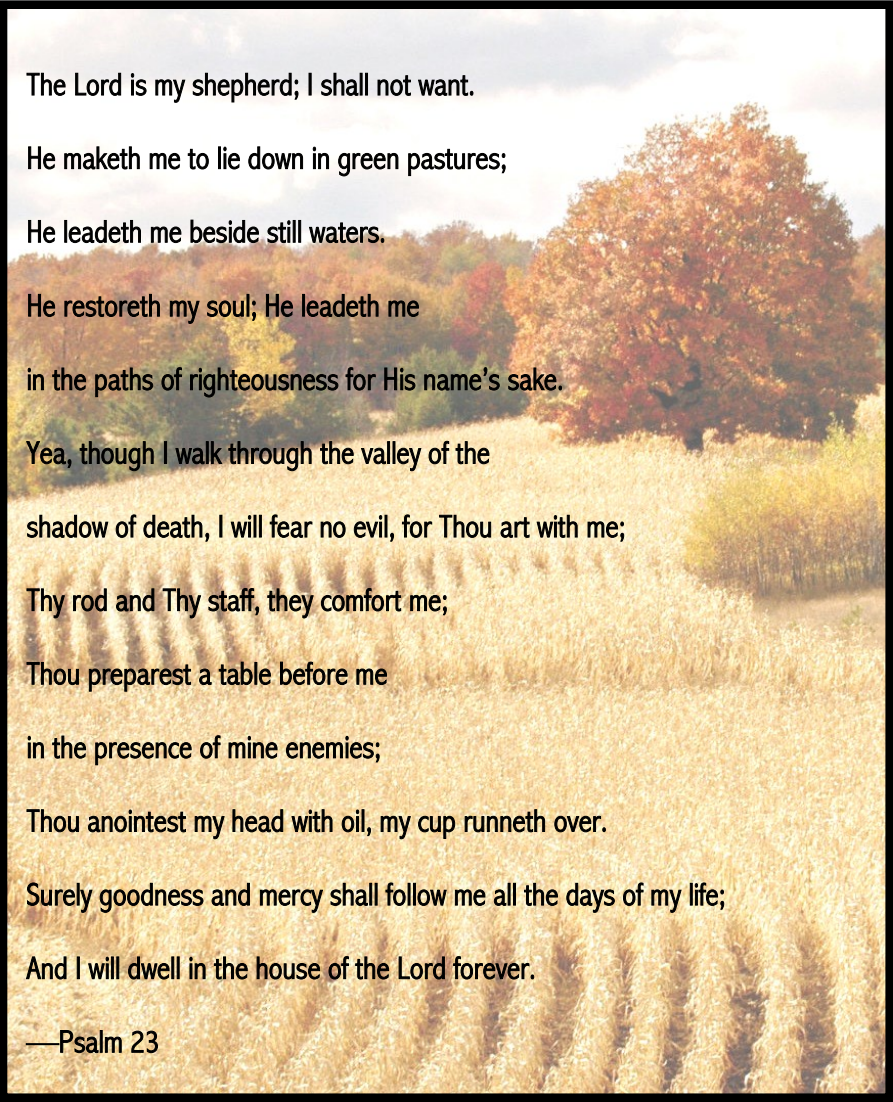
Blessed be the life and memory of Merle Rex Galbraith.

In Loving Memory



Merle R. Galbraith

1926 — 2015



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 the Sioux Rapids American Legion building immediately following the burial.

— **The Family of Merle Galbraith**

IN MEMORY OF **Merle Rex Galbraith**

July 9, 1926 — September 3, 2015

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.
First United Church
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Grant Mangold

PIANIST

Cheryl Anderson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“In The Garden”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

“Amazing Grace”

CASKET BEARERS

Dwaine Campney, Kevin Williams, Jon Ringgenberg
Sam Stottelmoor, Jack Smith, Robert Galbraith

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Merle's Nieces and Nephews

INTERMENT

Lone Tree Cemetery
Sioux Rapids, Iowa

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