

John H. Forbes, age 61, of Albert City, Iowa went to his heavenly home on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

John Howard Paul Forbes, the son of Orville and Margaret (Lorge) Forbes, was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa on August 27, 1952. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. John went to grade school and through the eleventh grade at the Pocahontas Catholic School. He completed his education at the Pocahontas High School, graduating with the class of 1971. When John was a sophomore in high school, he sang "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" for Bishop Miller. During his years in Pocahontas, John had many jobs including construction work, helping his dad at the telephone office, working at the Ballard Standard Oil Station for 5 years, the Phillips 66 Oil for 2 years and also for an underground cable company in Minnesota.

John found the love of his life, Margo Wilbur, and they were married on May 19, 1973 at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Albert City. Out of his love for Margo, they were blessed with three children: Bruce, Ericka, and Michelle. Their married lifetime has been spent in Albert City where John joined the Farmers Coop on June 4, 1973. He had been with Ag Partners for 40 years and has seen many changes. Family was very important to John and he loved his children very much and was so proud of the accomplishments they have made in their lives. John thoroughly enjoyed watching his children in their sports and celebrating their graduations of their work choices.

John was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens. He had also been a member of the Albert City Fire and Ambulance for 32 years, retiring in 2008.



John is lovingly remembered by his family which include his wife of 41 years, Margo, of Albert City, Iowa; children: Bruce (Carli) Forbes of Sioux City, Iowa; Ericka Forbes and Clint Pedersen of Omaha, Nebraska; and Michelle Forbes and Mike Rehm of Emmetsburg, Iowa; grandchildren: Dylan, Michaela and Addisyn Rehm and Madalyn and Spencer Forbes; sisters: Sue (Rich) Chapman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Charlotte (Steve) Carlsen of Havelock, Iowa; mother-in-law, Vivian Wilbur of Albert City, Iowa; aunts: Hazel Striet of Ames, Iowa; Mary Ange Hedrick of Mason City, Iowa; aunt and uncle, Paul and Joan Koeble of Marquette, Michigan; special friends, Kelly and Mike Vicks and their children; many nieces; nephews; in-laws and "outlaws"; aunts; uncles; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; parents; brother-in-law, Chuck Blankenhagen and father-in-law, Willie Wilbur.

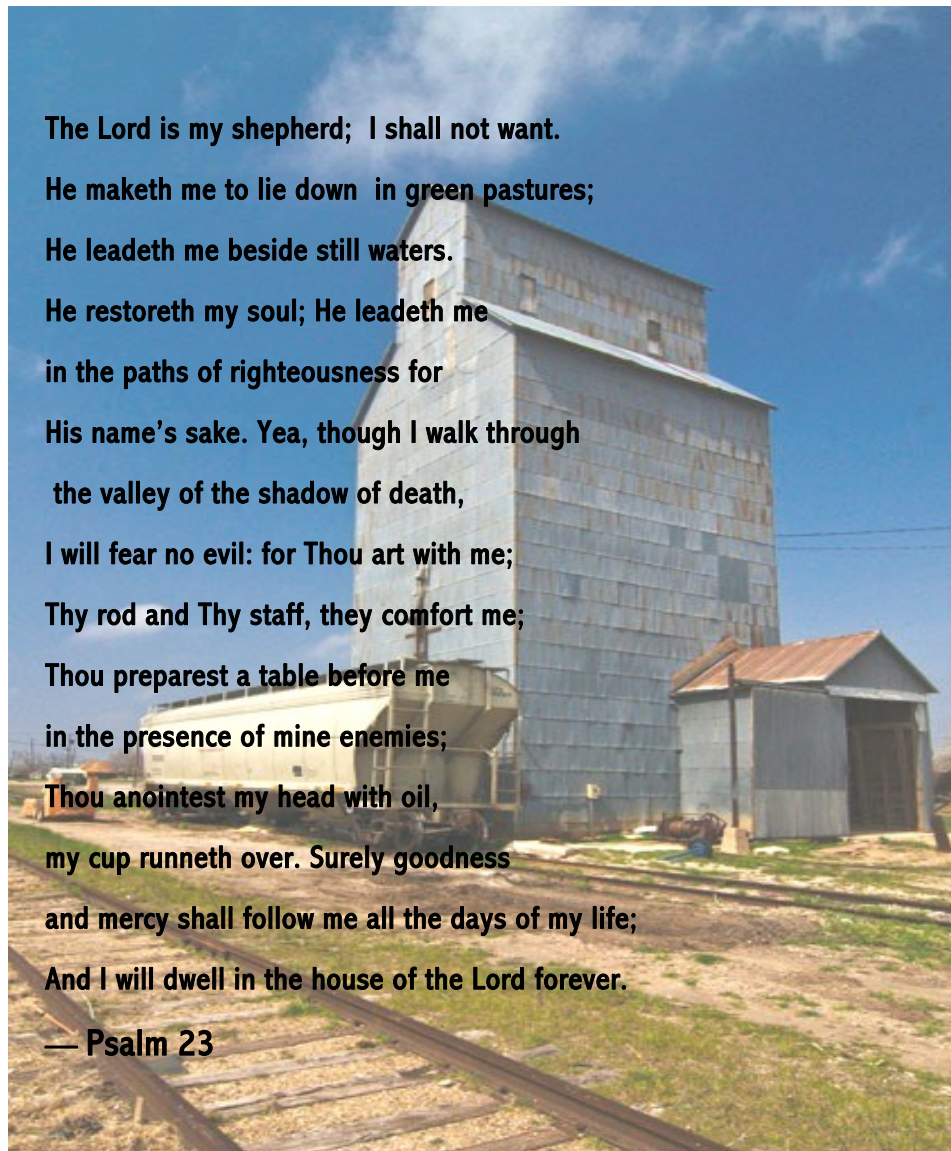
In lieu of flowers, memorial may be given in John's memory to the Abben Cancer Center at Spencer, Iowa.

In Loving Memory



John H. Forbes

1952 — 2014



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 church immediately following the service.

— **The Family of John H. Forbes**

IN MEMORY OF

John H. Forbes

August 27, 1952 — June 19, 2014

FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church — Laurens, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend John Gerald
Reverend Michael Sernett

ORGANIST

Karen Siepker

VOCALIST

Joyce Ahlers

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory”

CASKET BEARERS

John Hannam, Tom Hannam, Nate Blankenhagen
Mason Cady, Daniel Lopez, Brad Carlsen
Jason Wilbur, Clint Pedersen, Mike Rehm

INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery — Albert City, Iowa

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