

Edwin P. Madsen, age 78, of Rembrandt, Iowa died Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Edwin Patrick Madsen was born on March 10, 1929 in Denison, Iowa, the son of Edwin Albert and Marie Catherine (Sheridan) Madsen. He was baptized as an infant and confirmed as a youth into the Catholic faith. Ed attended classes at Havelock and Lincoln Lee Township schools before graduating from Rembrandt High School in 1946. He then served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict before he was honorably discharged.

On June 17, 1953, Ed was united in holy matrimony with Bonnie Lenz in Spencer, Iowa. The couple was blessed with 10 children: Terry, Rich, Ron, Pat, Paul, Mary Jo, Dave, Dan Sherry and Eddie.

Ed was a man who loved the land, so it only made sense that he spent his life doing what he loved, farming and raising cattle. An active and faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sioux Rapids, Ed believed in living his faith from day to day. He gave back to the community in which he worked and raised his family. He served as a Lee township trustee, and gave of his time as both a member and president of the Rembrandt and later Sioux Rapids/Rembrandt school boards. He was an avid supporter of both the Rembrandt and Sioux Rapids Fire Departments.

When he could, Ed loved to travel and go camping. He also enjoyed riding with his sons in their semi-trucks. He liked sports and watching sporting events. But it was his family that meant everything to Ed. A loving husband and devoted father, he treasured the days of watching his own children grow up. Then in his later years, he found a special place in his heart for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His kind and caring ways will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 54 happy years, Bonnie, of Rembrandt; his children: Terry Movall of Storm Lake; Rich (Linda) Madsen of Rembrandt; Ron (Karla) Madsen of Rembrandt; Pat (Milly) Madsen of West Bend, Iowa; Paul (Joy) Madsen of Sioux Rapids; Mary Jo (Jim) Davis of Storm Lake; Dave (Lori) Madsen of Marathon, Iowa; Dan (Michele) Madsen of Albert City, Iowa; Sherry (Ryan) Mandernach of Newell, Iowa; and Edwin A. (Lindsey) Madsen of Storm Lake; grandchildren: Alan (Jen), Jackie (Cory), Mark (Heidi), Molly (Daniel), Becky (Darin), Jeff (Jenny), Stefanie, Brent, Samantha, Jamie, Mandy (Brett), Chris, Ashley, Stacy, Matt (Miranda), Nikki, Kevin, Kristi, Tyler, Shelby, Mickenzie, Masey, Daniele, Nickalus, Tyler, Alexis, Jeremy, Edwin John "E.J.", and Marley; great-grandchildren: Alex, Grant, Logan, and Blake; brothers: Merle (Lorraine) Madsen of Camdenton, Missouri; Melvin (Phyllis) Madsen of Laurens, Iowa; Gerald (Marge) Madsen of Cherokee, Iowa; Clarence (Marie) Madsen of Okabena, Minnesota; Duane (Joan) Madsen of Heron Lake, Minnesota; and Robert (Sandy) Madsen of Heron Lake, Minnesota; sisters: Maxine (Lee) Launderville of Lakeside, Iowa; Jean Madsen of Lakefield, Minnesota; sisters-in-law: Arleen Ivers of Schaller, Iowa and Eunice Shepard of Spirit Lake, Iowa; extended family and a host of friends.

Preceding Ed in death were his parents and one brother, Dale Madsen.



Celebrating A Special Life



Edwin P. Madsen

1929 — 2007



IN MEMORY OF

Edwin Patrick Madsen

March 10, 1929  November 14, 2007

FUNERAL MASS

Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church — Laurens, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Allan Reicks
Reverend Dale Launderville

ORGANIST

Minnie McKeever

CANTOR

Nancy Young

CASKETBEARERS

Alan Movall, Mark Movall, Jeff Madsen, Brent Madsen
Chris Madsen, Matt Madsen, Kevin Davis
Tyler Roney, Mickenzie Nelson

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Edwin John Madsen, Nickalus Madsen, Tyler Mandernach, Jeremy Mandernach
Tracy Gotto, Matt Miller, Kenny Lindquist, Sr.
Darel Burns, Don Binder, Curt Jacobson

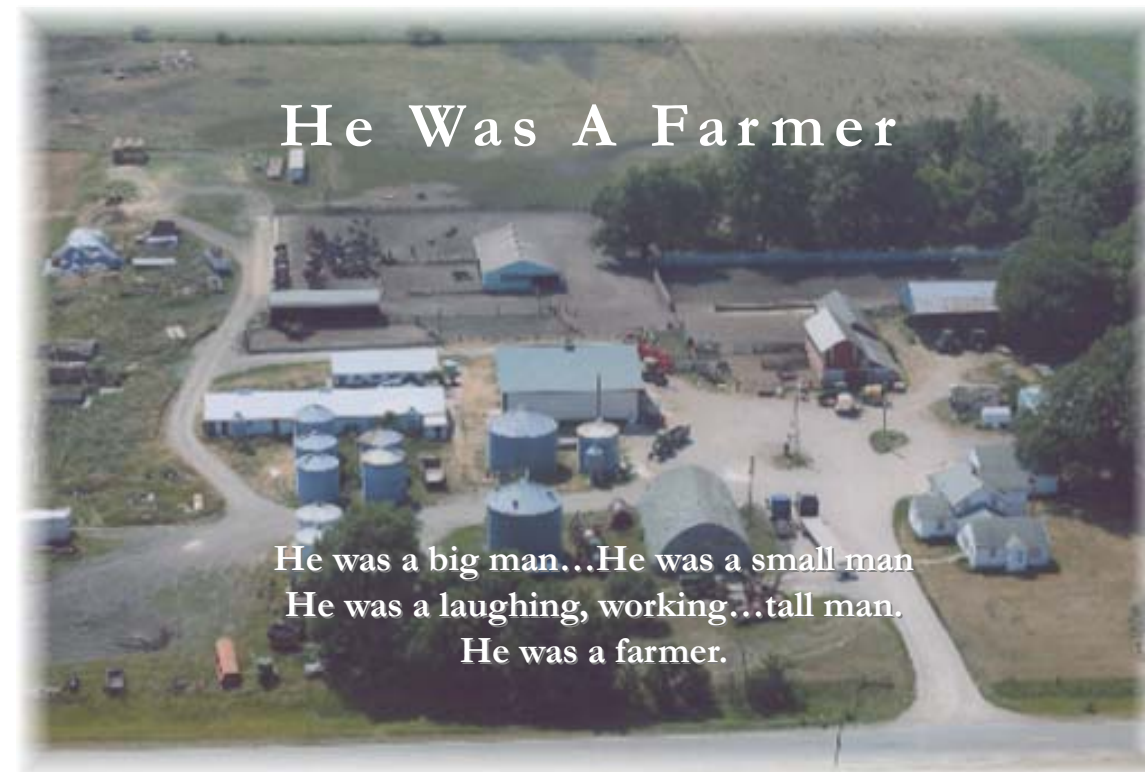
— In Memoriam —

Bill Pitts, Sr. and Lawrence Caskey

INTERMENT

Military Rites by Sioux Rapids American Legion Post 394
Lone Tree Cemetery  Sioux Rapids, Iowa

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He liked the smell of alfalfa fields...and the look of dawn coming over a mountain...And the sound of cattle in a meadow...And the jaunty jig of a hoe-down fiddle. He liked the music of small streams and the look of trees climbing a hill. He liked the breath of air filtered through growing fields...and the echo of a sharp axe cutting into a tree trunk. He liked the look of corn shucks at autumn time...and the smile of a harvest moon. He was a farmer.

He was America's best customer...He was the world's most constant hope...

He was the most useful man in America.

He was a farmer!

- author unknown



We wish to express our gratitude for the many kindnesses shown to our family, and for taking the time to celebrate the life of our husband, father and grandfather with us. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship in the Commons area of the Sioux Central School, just south of Sioux Rapids on Highway 71, immediately following the burial.

The Madsen Family 