

Franklin Falkner, age 73, of Newell, Iowa died Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the Newell Good Samaritan Center in Newell.

Franklin Lee Falkner was born on January 24, 1934, in rural Sac County to William Ronald and Sarah Jane (Galbraith) Falkner. Frank attended country school in Sac County through the 3rd grade and then attended Newell Community School, where he graduated in 1953.

On November 10, 1958, Frank married Alyce Schmidt in Jackson, Minnesota. Frank and Alyce and their daughter, Midge, immediately moved to Cherry Point, North Carolina after they were married. Frank was stationed in the Marine Corp at Cherry Point, from 1955-1959. In 1959, Frank was honorably discharged, and the family returned to Iowa that February. They welcomed their son, Bill into the family on July 25, 1959.

After his discharge from the Marines, Frank returned to work at HyGrade, where he was employed before entering the Marine Corp. He worked at HyGrade until 1961, when he began farming with his dad.

Frank worked for Wiskus and Feckel Construction, Paul Park Company Constructors and Taylor Contracting, all in Storm Lake, until his retirement in 1999. Frank was an accomplished carpenter and has left many buildings and houses that he built over the years as a testament to his carpentry skills.

Frank enjoyed gardening and going to the area farmer markets, where he became very well known for his asparagus. He owned Grandpa's Garden, where he tended a large garden of various plants and his nine acres of asparagus. His love of farming and the land was shown in his crops, livestock and quarter horses.

Much of Frank's time was spent with his grandchildren. He cherished these moments with his granddaughters and great-grandchildren. One of Frank's most treasured memories was giving his great-grandson, Nathan, tours of the asparagus patch on the go-cart.

Frank was a member of the Newell United Methodist Church, where he served on various boards and committees over the years. He served as an officer for the Buena Vista County Pork Producers and was an integral part of the organization and the beginning of the Buena Vista Saddle and Surrey Club.

Frank was preceded in death by his mother and a father: Ronald and Sadie Falkner; his mother-in-law, Vi Moller and her husband Bill Moller; father-in-law, Arthur J. Schmidt and his wife, Ronnie; twin grandsons: Brock Iles and Gage Franklin Hartman; and step-son, Barton Nehring.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife of 49 years, Alyce; daughter, Midge and her husband Jim Townsend of Newell; son, William "Bill" Falkner of Newell; brother-in-law, Arthur T. Schmidt of Soldotna, Alaska; granddaughters: Alysa (Townsend) and her husband Greg Hartman of Redfield, Iowa; Tessa (Townsend) and her husband Cole Wallace of Sac City, Iowa; and BreAnn Townsend and her fiancé, Jess Weir of Eagle Grove, Iowa; great-grandchildren: Nathan and MacKenzie Wallace and Halie, Blake and Alex Weir; step-daughter, Elizabeth (Nehring) and her husband Rick DuBord of Galva, Iowa; step-grandchildren: John DuBord, Shaun and his wife Allison DuBord and Amber DuBord, all of Galva, Iowa; three step-great grandchildren; along with many relatives and friends.



In Loving Memory



Franklin Falkner

1934 2007



I Am Still With You

If it seems that I am far away
on this empty and solemn day,
Just open your heart and know it's true,
that I am still right here with you.
If during the day things are going wrong,
please don't feel sad and alone.
Just open your heart and know it's true,
that I am still right here with you.
When nighttime falls and the day is done,
If you are feeling alone and sleep won't come,
Just open your heart and know it's true,
that I am still right here with you.
Close your eyes, and feel the warm embrace.
Sleep peacefully in the wings of grace.
If sadness finds you in the morning light,
if you feel alone, don't give up trying!
Hold this feather close and know it's true,
that I am still here with you.

— Julie Johnson, Wings of Grace



Thank You...

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness 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 Falkner Family

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January 24, 1934 — December 8, 2007

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Newell, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend David Schumann

MUSIC

Cheryl Baughman, Organist

Coleen Baughman, Pianist

Special Music

"Battle Hymn Of The Republic"

Carrie Walsh, Soloist

"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

CASKETBEARERS

Jim Townsend, Greg Hartman, Tim Moize

Cole Wallace, Jess Weir, Quentin Bodholdt

FLAG PRESENTATION AT CHURCH

Alta V. F. W. Post 6172

INTERMENT AT A LATER DATE

Newell Cemetery

Newell, Iowa

Arrangements by

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