



Donald Louis Gerke

October 19, 1931 - October 1, 2015

Donald L. Gerke, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald Louis Gerke, son of Henry F. and Amanda (Hoberman) Gerke, was born October 19, 1931, at the family home in Grant Township, Buena Vista County, Iowa. He received Holy Baptism at the family home on November 8, 1931.

Donald attended Zion Lutheran School for a number of years. After instruction from the Pastor he was confirmed in a private ceremony witnessed by family members and officers of the congregation on July 27, 1978. He was a lifelong member of this congregation.

Donald worked on the family farm and held various jobs at the Red Barn, now known as the Genesis Development Center. He enjoyed music and caring for his livestock on the farm.

He became a resident of the Buena Vista County Care Center, Spectra, in May of 1985, then later moved to the Sioux Care Center in Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Amanda Gerke; brothers: Ewald, Wilbert, Raymond, and Clarence; sisters: Elda Johnson and Arlene Schmidt; brothers-in-law, Raymond Stieghorst, William Spears, Alfred Miles, Robert Lamb, and Herbert Johnson; and sister-in-law, Alice Gerke Miles.

Donald is survived by one sister, Esther Lamb of Storm Lake, Iowa; brother-in-law, Clifford (Doris) Schmidt of Storm Lake; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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“ *Esther, my condolences on the loss of your brother. May he RIP. God Bless you and your family.* ”

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