



Elmer A. Staiert

April 13, 1919 - December 13, 2013

Elmer Staiert, age 94, of Sac City, Iowa and formerly of Fonda, Iowa died Friday, December 13, 2013 at the Loring Hospital in Sac City. He was born April 13, 1919 in rural Carroll County, IA to the late John and Anna (Niehaus) Staiert. He married Antonette Pudenz of Carroll on January 7, 1941 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Auburn, IA. Antonette survives in Sac City after 72 years of marriage along with 6 children, 18 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren, all of whom he dearly loved. The surviving children are Judy (Bill) Oldham of Hereford, AZ, Marjean (Leonard) Higby of Gering, NE, Carolyn Peed of Temecula, CA, Janice Staiert of Sac City, IA, Barbara (Richard) Ingold of Colorado Springs, CO, and Gary (Tammy) Staiert of Bennet, NE. Surviving siblings are Hilda Bruch, Ethel (Ray) Reiff, and Leo (Alice) Staiert, all of Carroll. Surviving sisters-in-law are Harriet Staiert of Centennial, CO, Alice Staiert of Carroll, Ella Mae Staiert of Harlan, and Sally Carroll of Titusville, FL. Surviving brothers-in-law are Norman Pudenz and Leon Pudenz of Carroll. Elmer is predeceased by son-in-law Dennis Peed; brothers Henry, Walter, Edwin, and Paul Staiert; sisters Loretta Reiff, Agnes Gehling, Rosina Wiederin, Marita Heires, Anita Bellinghausen, and infant siblings Eleanor, Arthur, and Joseph. Elmer graduated from St. Francis Catholic School at Maple River, IA in 1933. During his youth, he worked for his father on the family farm and others in the community. After marriage, Elmer and Antonette farmed in the Auburn, Breda, and Fonda areas for eight years. In 1949, they bought a farm south of Fonda where they lived

for 50 years and raised livestock and grain crops. He had a passion for raising cattle and always proudly covered plates with his juicy steaks. Elmer and Antonette belonged to a square dance club, loved polka music, and enjoyed playing cards with their family and friends. Elmer had a talent for woodworking, remodeled several family homes, liked cabinet making, and made a grandfather's clock which was his pride and joy. Starting in 1977, they vacationed in Florence, AZ every winter for 22 years. Elmer retired from farming in 1991 and moved to Sac City in December 1999. He enjoyed following the Minnesota Twins on television, liked watching football, and loved tapping his toes to the Saturday night polka music. Later in life, he became interested in gardening, especially growing onions and roses. Elmer was a member of the Our Lady of Good Council Church and the Knights of Columbus in Fonda and later the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sac City.