Gerald John Liesveld

October 15, 1923 - January 29, 2018

Gerald John Liesveld (October 15, 1923-January 29, 2018) was born in rural Lancaster County, Nebraska near Lincoln to John Liesveld and Anna (Oldemeyer) Liesveld. He is predeceased by his four siblings, Ruth, Nelson, Jean, and Edith, his infant daughter, Lois, and by his wife of over 60 years, Lorene (Vandewege) Liesveld. Jerry spent his childhood on the family farm and graduated from Hickman High School. Upon graduation, he farmed with his father for a time and then entered the University of Nebraska where he studied agricultural economics. Upon graduation, he and Lorene moved first to Omaha prior to settling long-term in Storm Lake, Iowa in 1954. Jerry spent most of his career in land management and enjoyed his travels throughout western Iowa, southeastern South Dakota, and southwestern Minnesota. He loved the business and people of agriculture, and he worked in farm management up to the age of 90. He was a long time member of Kiwanis and of the Lakeside Presbyterian Church where he served terms on the session.

Jerry is survived by his three daughters, Jane Liesveld (Deepak Sahasrabudhe) of Rochester, NY, Judy Liesveld of Albuquerque, NM, and Jill Liesveld of Coralville, IA. As the father of daughters, he supported their education and professional careers. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Kieran Sahasrabudhe, Peter Sahasrabudhe, Jared Dooley, and Joy Liesveld, all of whom adored him. Others who survive are his sister-in – law Eleanor (Stanley) Scheevel, nieces, nephews, friends, and supportive

neighbors from the Lakeshore Dr./Geneseo St. neighborhood. After Lorene's death, Jerry entered the Methodist Manor Community and enjoyed his stay at Otsego Place. Having developed severe glaucoma and partial blindness at an early age, Jerry was an example of surmounting challenges and making the most of things. Faith, constancy, and service were hallmarks of his life and the legacy which he leaves.

The Liesveld family wishes to thank the caregivers at Methodist Manor as well as the UnityPoint Hospice team. There will be no calling hours. Interment in the Holland Cemetery, Holland, NE. Arrangements by Fratzke and Jensen Funeral Homes. Memorials in Gerald's name may be made to UnityPoint Hospice 112 W. 5th St. PO Box 427, Storm Lake, IA.

Tribute Wall

LS

Liesveld Family:
You have my prayers for comfort and strength at the death of your father. Your parents raised some strong, intelligent women. I know they were very proud of you. May God keep His strong arms around you as you mourn his loss.
Dr. Linda A. Sharp
Cedar Falls, IA

Linda Sharp - April 02, 2018 at 08:38 PM

BM

I really loved your dad. He was such a kind man and had become a friend over the years I knew him. Bev Mahr

Bev Mahr - March 16, 2018 at 08:59 AM

IR

Jane, Judy and Jill,

My Dad has updated me from time to time with his visits to your Dad.

With my recent visits to Storm Lake, driving by where you lived on N Lake Ave, I fondly remember spending time with your parents there and the friendships we established.

I also remember engaging with your Dad on a 4th of July Spectacular at his house across the street from the park.

May the wisdom and lessons learned from our parents serve us as a legacy for our future.

Iris Boettcher

Iris - February 11, 2018 at 10:01 PM

FH

2 files added to the tribute wall

Funeral Home - February 09, 2018 at 11:10 AM

AL

Alan And Lisa Laird lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

Alan and Lisa Laird - February 04, 2018 at 08:20 PM

AL

Jane, Judy and Jill,
Thank you for all your Dad did for my mother over the years. It was my pleasure to work with him as he closed his career in land management. Kind, gracious, trustworthy and faithful are just a few of the words I could use to describe him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Al and Lisa Laird

Alan Laird - February 04, 2018 at 08:26 PM

SS

We shared a lot of fellowship during our meals together while at Methodist Manor he was interesting to visit with, always asking what the price of corn and beans did that day. My sympathy to your family and wish you all God's Blessings. Sincerely, Stan Sievers

Stanley Sievers - February 03, 2018 at 12:02 PM

KH

Jane, Judy, Jill and Families ~ We're sad to learn of your Dad's passing, but celebrate his longevity and the wonderful rich life he lived! We will always remember him as a great neighbor and friend. Your Dad was a great conversationalist - so well read on so many topics! We always enjoyed our conversations. His sense of humor, compassion and insight were always reflected in his optimistic outlook. - And we've got to add - that our girls will always remember Jerry's generous sacks of 'the best ever" sweet corn - and this is the benchmark by which all other sweet corn is rated in their lives! :)

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Sincerely, Jon and Karen Hixon

Karen Hixon - February 01, 2018 at 10:36 PM

SH

Sara Hixon lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

Sara Hixon - February 01, 2018 at 07:48 PM

JD

John And Connie (Swenson) Demers lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

John and Connie (Swenson) Demers - February 01, 2018 at 02:22 PM

Jon Hixon

Jon Hixon lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

Jon Hixon - February 01, 2018 at 12:38 PM

RF

Ruth Freese lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

Ruth Freese - February 01, 2018 at 11:51 AM

RF

From the storm Lake Public Library Homebound Delivery Progran

Ruth Freese - February 01, 2018 at 11:52 AM

MF

Mary Farrell lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

Mary Farrell - January 31, 2018 at 11:56 AM

HH

Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Liesveld

Heidi Howard - January 31, 2018 at 08:13 AM