



John "Jack" Hays

March 7, 1943 - November 30, 2010

John "Jack" Hays, age 67, of Albert City, Iowa and formerly of Carroll, Iowa died November 30, 2010 in Des Moines, Iowa. John "Jack" Hays was born March 7, 1943 in Jefferson, Iowa, the son of Byron and Dorothy (Allstot) Hays. On August 9, 1969, he was baptized at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa where he was later confirmed. Growing up, Jack attended school in Carroll where he graduated from Carroll High School in 1961 and was a National Merit Scholarship Award Finalist. Following graduation, he attended State College of Iowa in Cedar Falls. On February 7, 1963, Jack enlisted in the United States Army in Omaha, Nebraska where he served his country as a Military Police during Vietnam until he was honorably discharged on February 4, 1966 in Fort George G Meade, Maryland. On September 6, 1969, Jack was united in marriage to Eileen Kock at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with three children: Nathan, Jared and Clinton. Jack was a Scout Master and a Merit Badge Counselor. He belonged to the Albert City American Legion and served as the president on the Albert City Apartments Board. Jack worked as a Buena Vista County Sheriff Deputy since 1979. After 35 years in the law enforcement, Jack retired in February of 1998. Jack loved horseback riding, horse training and his Great Danes. He enjoyed remodeling the house and woodworking. A favorite pastime of Jack's was reading and having coffee with friends. In his earlier years, he enjoyed hunting, target shooting and camping when the children were younger. He treasured his family and especially loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Eileen Hays of Albert City, Iowa; children: Nathan (Marie) Hays of Ames, Iowa; Jared (Donna) Hays of Albert City, Iowa; Clinton Hays of Rio De Janiero, Brazil; grandchildren: William, Pierina, and Alexander all of Ames, Iowa; Samantha, Connor, and Austin all of Albert City, Iowa; sister, Gene Lindgren of Albert City, Iowa; sister-in-law, Sandy Hays of Roundup, Montana; nieces; nephews; extended family and a host of friends. Jack was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim; and brother-in-law, Allen Lindgren.