



Melvin Grundmeier

April 10, 1931 - December 2, 2010

Melvin Fredrick Grundmeier, age 79, of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 2, 2010, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake where he was recuperating from a fall on the ice. Melvin was born April 10, 1931 in rural Sac County. Son of August Fredrick Grundmeier and Marie Amelia (Ploeger) Grundmeier. He was baptized and confirmed at the Emmanuel Reformed Church, rural Schaller. Melvin attended 1st through 7th grade at several one room country schools, 8th through 11th grade at Hayes School and graduated from Alta High School in 1948. The house where Gary lives at this time, was once a one room school house that Melvin attended. Melvin played in the Topflight Hayes Band which placed in the first division in class "A" competition at the preliminary high school band contest in Storm Lake and competed in the state music contest in Sac City. He didn't play in the high school band because he was a member of the musician's union, playing the saxophone in a band that played at several area towns. Then later in life he was in church choirs and sang in quartets. Melvin worked on the farm with his brother Harold from 1948-1950. He joined the United States Air force on November 30, 1950 as Airman First-Class, he served in Texas, California and England. He was discharged February 19, 1954. After the service Mel returned and farmed with his brother until he was married. On September 11, 1955, Melvin was united in marriage to Agnes Lund at the Nain Lutheran Church in Newell, Iowa. Together the couple farmed in Maple Valley & Hayes Townships until Mel retired and they moved to Storm Lake in 1987. Melvin

was active in church most recently the Storm Lake United Methodist Church. He was a member of Hayes Grange, Barbershoppers, and attended Via de Cristo. He enjoyed dancing, playing cards, reading, fishing, helping out on the farm, working at the Buena Vista County Historical Society and spending time with his family and friends. Melvin also enjoyed the many summers he and Agnes stayed at their cabin in Minnesota. His family includes three children: Gary Grundmeier and his wife Peg of Storm Lake; Lynn Snyder and her husband Rolan of Alta; Dan Grundmeier and his wife Cyndi of St. Paul, MN. Eight grandchildren: Josh and Laura Grundmeier of Minneapolis, MN; Nick and Jessica Grundmeier of Omaha, NE; Eric Grundmeier of Sioux City; Jamie Snyder of Omaha, NE, Brianna Snyder and Danny Imel of Storm Lake; Ashly Schuette and Ryan Gilson; DJ Schuette; and David Grundmeier all from St. Paul, MN. Two great-grandchildren, Ethan Joel Grundmeier of Omaha, NE; and Kealy Lynn Imel of Storm Lake, IA. Also surviving is his sister, Gladys (Don) Kestel, sisters-in-law, Arlene Grundmeier, Ellen Rasmussen, Ruby (Leon) Haahr and one brother-in-law, Norman (JoAn) Lund and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother Clarence, and his wife Agnes; other family members include: Harold Grundmeier, Art Grundmeier, Erv & Mildred Grundmeier, Viola & Curtis Dills, Elwood & Goldie Lund; Arnold Rasmussen; Theresa (Rasmussen) Haburn, Ronald Haahr.