



## Raymond Taphorn

August 27, 1927 - July 31, 2018

Raymond Taphorn, age 90, of Alta, Iowa died on July 31, 2018 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Funeral mass will take place on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a Knights of Columbus rosary at 5:00 p.m. and a vigil service at 6:30 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Brushy Creek Honor Flight: 320 S. 12th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501; [www.brushycreekhonorflight.com](http://www.brushycreekhonorflight.com), or Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars: 119 W. 6th St., Storm Lake, Iowa 50588; [www.stormlake.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.stormlake.dollarsforscholars.org). The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Raymond Taphorn was born August 27, 1927 in Templeton, Iowa the son of John and Helen (Neu) Taphorn. As an infant, he was baptized and later received 1st communion and was confirmed into the Catholic faith.

Growing up, Ray attended school through the 8th grade at Odebolt. On March 15, 1946, Ray was drafted in the United States Army where he proudly served his country until his honorable discharge on May 14, 1947. In 1953, he moved to Ida Grove, Iowa and started farming on his own.

On June 2, 1956, Ray was united in marriage to Frances Quirin at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with two children: Allen and Keith.

Ray was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Ida Grove and later of the St. Mary's Parish in Storm Lake. Ray served on the Ida Grove School Board for one term. He also belonged to the American Legion in Ida Grove and the Ida County Pork Producers.

In his spare time, Ray enjoyed raising cattle. Family was very important to Ray, and he enjoyed doing everything together with his wife, Frances. His children and grandchildren were extremely special to him and he treasured attending their activities. During his farming years, Ray enjoyed having coffee at H & W Feed Store in Ida Grove. Later in his life, Ray went for coffee at Hy-Vee in Storm Lake. He will be lovingly remembered as a father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Ray will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Allen (Kris) Taphorn of Storm Lake, Iowa; Keith (Nancy) Taphorn of Aurora, Colorado; grandchildren: Erin (Dan) Nguyen; Collin Taphorn; Matthew and Carly Taphorn; siblings: Clara Siebenahler; Sister Janet Taphorn; Joan Smith; James (Joan) Taphorn; Lois (John) Galles; and Irene (Pete) Ruthmun; sister-in-law, Lois Taphorn; Charlotte Binder; Margaret Binder; brother-in-law, Ed (Charlene) Quirin; extended family and many friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen Taphorn; wife, Frances; siblings: Robert Taphorn; Marian Roeder; Rita Schulte; brothers-in-law: Greg Siebenahler; Lee Smith; Urban Roeder; Leo Schulte; Floyd Binder; and Don Binder.



# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 5. 5:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
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## Visitation

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## Vigil Service

AUG 5. 6:30 PM (CT)

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## **Funeral Mass**

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AUG 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

## **Interment**

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AUG 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PD

“ Ray was such a nice gentleman and always appreciative of receiving communion when he was at Otsego Place. I enjoyed visiting with him.

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**Pat Davidson** - August 05, 2018 at 10:16 PM

JP

“ To Ray Taphorn's Family  
So sorry to hear of your father's death. My condolences to you his family. Joan K. Petersen

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**Joan K. Petersen** - August 04, 2018 at 11:44 AM

MS

“ Keith, Allen & family,  
Your parents were the best people ever. I never saw anything but a smile on your Dad's face. Although I have heard about a few of those times from your mom. Hairdresser privileged information. You have our deepest sympathy and lots of hug from our family to yours.  
Marge and Tom Senhen

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**Marge Senhen** - August 03, 2018 at 12:53 PM

AT

“ *Wij wensen allen die hem zo dierbaar waren veel sterkte to met het gemis van deze bijzondere Taphorn Member. Annemieke Taphorn. Netherlands*



*We wish all those who were so dear to him much strength with the lack of this special Taphorn Member. Annemieke Taphorn. Netherlands*

Annemieke Taphorn - August 02, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 02, 2018 at 01:32 PM

JA

“ *Family celebrations were always special because it was a time to connect with lots of family and friends. Besides that you always knew you were in for a delicious meal and plenty of conversation. Sucking sweet corn comes to mind as a time for laughter and work. S. Janet*

Janet - August 02, 2018 at 11:01 AM

CO

“ *Uncle Ray and Aunt Frannies House was the most welcoming place EVER! I loved visiting them. They were genuinely interested in you. I was always so impressed that even after I got married and had kids, he always asked about each of them by name.*

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**Connie** - August 01, 2018 at 08:32 PM

WT

“ *You have our sympathy. Ray was such a great man. He was always had a smile for everyone. Wil enjoyed the time they spent over coffee. May God bless you at this time of sorrow.*



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**Wil & Karen Triplett** - August 01, 2018 at 04:10 PM

LG

“ *Ray sent me Chiclets when he was in WWII.. I am youngest and he oldest son in the family. I remember it so well. Lois...*

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**Lois Galles** - August 01, 2018 at 03:50 PM

AC

*Ray and Fran were great neighbors and friends to our family for many years Will always remember you all fondly! Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*Archie, Abby, Thomas and Daniel Clutter  
Dan Clutter*

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**Archie Clutter** - August 05, 2018 at 10:02 PM