



Richard "Sleepy" Tolan

March 20, 1948 - March 18, 2011

Richard "Sleepy" Tolan, age 62, of Fonda, Iowa died Friday, March 18, 2011 at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Richard John Tolan was born March 20, 1948 in Fonda, Iowa the son of Thomas C. and Eva Mary (King) Tolan. Growing up, Sleepy was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa where he also attended school and graduated in 1967. Sleepy helped area farmers as a farmhand and then worked at the Fonda Golf Course as the green's keeper for 33 years until he retired due to a medical condition. Sleepy was a member of the Fonda Knights of Columbus where he earned the degree of a 3rd Degree Knight. He was a volunteer fire fighter for the Fonda Fire Department for many years. Sleepy enjoyed the outdoors, especially gardening, fishing and pheasant and deer hunting. He loved golfing when he had time. Sleepy treasured his nieces and nephews and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Those left to cherish his memory include his siblings: Grace Engelhart of Sioux City, Iowa; Larry Tolan of Fonda, Iowa; David (Susan) Tolan of Boone, Iowa; Gregory (Connie) Tolan of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Sylvia (Mark) Reed of Storm Lake, Iowa; Theressa (Don) Cersovski of Harrisburg, Oregon; Martha (Robert) Skog of Albert City, Iowa; Alice (Robert) Barngrover of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; James (Julie) Tolan of Fonda, Iowa; Beatrice Tolan of Atlantic, Iowa; Rita Krowiorz of Vail, Iowa; Claude (Susan) Tolan of Fonda, Iowa; aunts, Myrna (John) Peterson of Pocahontas, Iowa; Ruth Kroska of Pomeroy, Iowa; uncle, Dale Johnston of Pocahontas, Iowa; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and several friends. Sleepy was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Eva Tolan; brothers, Duane, Theodore, and Jacob Tolan; brother-in-law, Howard Engelhart; aunts and uncles.