



## Robert "Bob" Degner

June 14, 1939 - February 7, 2015

Robert "Bob" Degner, age 75, of Newell, Iowa died Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Bickford Senior Living in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. Burial will follow in the Varina Cemetery in rural, Varina, Iowa with full military rites by the Newell American Legion. Visitation will take place Tuesday, February 10, 2015 from 4-7:00 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Clyde Degner was born June 14, 1939 in the same bedroom as his dad was on the Degner farm by Albert City. His parents were Fredrick Degner and Arvilla (Gloss) Degner. He had one older brother, Freddie, two older sisters, Barbara and Ruth, and a younger brother, David. He also had a foster sister, Eleanor.

Robert lived on a farm and loved it. His favorite thing was to go threshing with his dad. He followed his dad everywhere and loved being with him. His uncle, Albert also lived with them.

At four years old he went to first grade at Varina Consolidated School. In 1952, when he was in the ninth grade, he transferred to Albert City, Iowa

where he graduated in 1956. After graduation, he farmed and worked in a gas station in Albert City. His first piece of machinery that he bought was an M Tractor which is still around today. He loved farming and that was his favorite thing to do. He farmed up until the day he went to the hospital in May of 2014, then he was forced to retire. His last big tractor was an 9180, which he loved.

In December of 1958, he started dating the love of his life, Barbara (Baughman) Degner. January 1, 1962, he was drafted into the army and was fortunate to spend his two years in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After basic training, Robert & Barb were married on March 11, 1962. She stayed and finished one month of beauty school, took state boards on April 16, and was on her way to Colorado to be with her new husband the same day.

When they got home from the Army in 1964, they moved to a rented farm south of Fonda, Iowa owned by the Kelly family. Together they farmed there for almost 50 years and raised cattle, hogs, sheep, corn, beans, and children.

Robert and Barb were blessed with three boys: Dennis, James, and Jeff, and one girl, Stevi. They were also the foster parents of fifty foster children over the years. Lots of love and kids went through their home.

In August 2011, Robert and Barb moved to Newell, Iowa. They enjoyed living right across the street from the park, where they could sit in their easy chairs and watch all of the activities. Robert enjoyed town, but his heart was still at the farm. He was able to go out there every day, with his dog Mia, by his side.

Robert was a wonderful and devoted husband and father. No matter what was going on, he was always at his wife's side. He will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him.

Robert was born again in October, 1986. Robert was baptized to witness how

much Jesus means to him. He firmly believed you to have a personal relationship with Jesus in order to have a normal life with Jesus in Heaven. He is the "Only" Way.

Left to celebrate his life are his wife of 53 years, Barb Degner of Newell, Iowa; sons: Dennis (Julie) Degner of Lytton, Iowa; James (Ann) Degner of Omaha, Nebraska; Jeff (Darleen) Degner of Lytton, Iowa; daughter, Stevi Degner of Newell, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; brothers: Freddie and David Degner; sister, Barbara Waggle; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ruth Paulson; foster sister, Eleanor Martin; nephew, Ron Degner; and his father in law and mother in law, Hugh and Erma Baughman.

# Cemetery Details

## Varina Cemetery

Varina, IA 50593

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell  
313 Highway 7  
Newell, IA 50568  
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

## Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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313 Highway 7  
Newell, IA 50568  
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

## Interment

FEB 11 (CT)

Varina Cemetery  
Varina, IA 50593



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Bob" Degner*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - February 09, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Terry and Liz Johnson and family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Robert "Bob" Degner.*



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**Terry and Liz Johnson and family** - February 10, 2015 at 08:19 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Degner.*



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February 10, 2015 at 01:05 PM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers .



Deb and Mike Wienhold - February 10, 2015 at 10:54 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - February 10, 2015 at 10:21 AM

GM

“ Greg And Wanda (Nelsen) McClintock lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Degner



Greg and Wanda (Nelsen) McClintock - February 09, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DJ

“ Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Degner



Deb and Kevin Jesse - February 09, 2015 at 02:55 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Degner.*



February 09, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ *Bellevue University purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Degner.*



**Bellevue University** - February 09, 2015 at 12:54 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Degner.*



February 09, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *We send our sincere sympathy & prayers at the death of your husband and father, Bob. We were so sorry to hear about this!!*

*Bill & Fran Lawson  
Rockwell City*

**Bill & Fran Lawson** - February 09, 2015 at 10:36 AM

CB

“ *Charlie, Stacey, Carson and Cash Baughman purchased the Silver Season Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Degner.*



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**Charlie, Stacey, Carson and Cash Baughman** - February 08,  
2015 at 07:35 PM