



Robert J. Holmes

August 3, 1929 - December 22, 2017

Robert James Holmes, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died December 22, 2017 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta with full military rites by the Alta VFW Post #6172. Visitation will take place Tuesday, December 26, 2017 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert James Holmes was born August 3, 1929 in Alta, Iowa the son of Alexander "Eck" and Anna Marie Catherine (Snell-Nelson) Holmes.

As an infant, Robert was baptized and later confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Alta where he remained a lifelong member.

Growing up, Robert attended school in Alta where he graduated from Alta High School in 1948. While attending high school he enjoyed participating in football and track.

In 1951, Robert enlisted in the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country until he was honorably discharged in 1955.

On September 6, 1954, Robert was united in marriage to Helen Caughey in California. Together, they were blessed with two children: Wesley Allen and Robert James Jr.

Robert was a member of the Truesdale Farmers Club. He also was a past senior vice commander with the Alta VFW Post #6172. Currently, Robert was serving as the commander of the Alta American Legion #498.

Robert served on several church boards at the United Methodist Church in Alta and was currently a trustee board member.

Robert loved being outdoors farming. Farming truly was a passion he had, and he enjoyed helping his boys. Robert was a very giving person and often times thanked people by providing them with frozen meat. He loved visiting with family and friends and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren during the holidays. He was known as "GG Bob" which stood for great grandpa Bob. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Wesley (Linda) Holmes of Alta, Iowa; Robert James "Jim" (Sue) Holmes of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Sarah (Devon) Sadler; Ben (Lacey) Holmes; Emily (Austin) Westrum; Matt (friend, Allie) Holmes; Laura (Will) DeKok; Amy Harrison; Devin Steele; great grandchildren: Charlie Robert, Lorelai and Sawyer Sadler; Mackenzie and new baby Holmes; Levi, Connor and Oliver Westrum; Emma McDonald; Dominic, Isaac, Jaxon and Brooklyn Steele; sister-in-law, Bonnie Moize of Storm Lake, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen Holmes; brothers: Dyle, Lyman, William; sisters: Geneva Nancarrow and Marjorie Hart.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn

Alta, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta
301 Alta Vista Street
Alta, IA 51002
(712) 284-2141
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

DEC **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Alta
218 Prospect
Alta, IA 51002

Interment

DEC **27**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Woodlawn
Alta, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert J. Holmes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 26, 2017 at 03:37 PM

DB

You were loved Bob. My condolences to Wes and Jim and your families. Denise Small Binder

Denise Binder - January 05, 2018 at 09:24 AM

GG

I was a classmate of Bob's. i just found out yesterday about his passing. He would always call to tell when another classmate passed away. This was a shock to me. So sorry. Hope you get this. Georgia Lauridsen Gray

Georgia Gray - February 26, 2018 at 11:10 AM

DB

“ *I have very fond memories of Bob from when I was young. He was always such a friendly person. In recent years, our lives occasionally would pass when I would be home visiting. It was a bright spot in my day to be greeted by Bob. He holds a place in my heart and I know many people feel the same way. Rest in peace, Bob. You will be missed.*

Denise Binder - January 05, 2018 at 09:09 AM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen - December 26, 2017 at 03:03 PM

KA

“ Kate lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Holmes



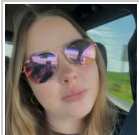
kate - December 26, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Holmes



John and Connie Demers - December 25, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ How much Josh, I, and kids loved you!
Sophia still remembers Bob and the baby pigs. May God wrap you in his arms and keep you.



Christie VanHouten - December 24, 2017 at 11:28 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Holmes*

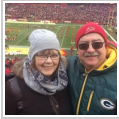


Deb and Kevin Jesse - December 24, 2017 at 12:22 PM

DJ

Our sympathy to Bob's family. He was a wonderful friend.

Deb and Kevin Jesse - December 24, 2017 at 12:23 PM



May God's peace that passes all understanding be with you now and always. What a pleasure to do business with a fine man and his family.

Erik Mosbo - December 26, 2017 at 12:30 PM

DM

“ *Dave And Deb Merten lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Holmes*



Dave and Deb Merten - December 23, 2017 at 09:18 PM