



Ronald L. Wendel

December 27, 1938 - December 24, 2013

Ronald L. Wendel, age 74, of Schaller, Iowa died December 24, 2013 in Sioux City, Iowa. Ronald Lorence Wendel was born December 27, 1938 on the family farm northwest of Schaller, to Lorence and Lydia Hustedt Wendel. He was baptized immediately after birth due to complications. He attended country school until the 4th grade and then started Schaller Public. He was confirmed April 6th by Rev. Holstein at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller. He was an active member of the Walther League and was among a few members who went to New York to attend the National Walther League Convention. While in high school he was active in music and baseball, and was a member of the 1953 team that went to state. Ron graduated in 1956 and joined his father in farming. On August 2, 1959 he married Carol Peters at St. John Lutheran Church in Galva. Lorence and Lydia built a new house on the farm and lived there while Ron and Carol lived in the family home. Ron was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller and was a member of the dartball team for many years. He served a term and a half on the Schaller School Board but had to resign due to health problems. He was an avid bowler, hunter, and fisherman. In fact he was fishing overnight in Minnesota when his son Dan was born. Ron and Carol were blessed with three children – Daniel, Deborah, and Diane. Ron loved going to auctions and garage sales. When Dan became an auctioneer, Ron enjoyed setting up the auctions. As long as his health allowed, he attended his grandchildren's sporting events. On December 19, 2013, he suffered a stroke and entered his eternal home December 24, 2013 at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City. He is survived by his wife, Carol, son Dan (Kim), daughters Deb (Rick) Willer and Diane (Jim) Bengtson, grandchildren Tara Fry (and fiancée Mark Barger), Vince Wendel, Tamara Jackson, Angie Willer (and fiancée Jeff Lussman), Erica (Nick) Fassler, Becky (Ryan) Wuebker, Jeremy Lambert, Jordan Wendel, Brian and Brenna Bengtson, great-grandchildren Ella and Owen Fry, Ty Wendel, Roan Jackson, and Olivia Fassler. He was preceded in death by his parents.