



Ronald Nehring

January 31, 1935 - February 14, 2013

Ron Nehring, age 78, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, February 14, 2013 at his home in rural Storm Lake. Ronald F. Nehring was born January 31, 1935, in Storm Lake, Iowa, the son of Arthur and Emma (Burmeister) Nehring. He was baptized in 1935 as an infant, and later confirmed in 1948, at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in rural Newell, Iowa. He maintained his membership there, until recently, when Ron confirmed his faith on February 2, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Over the years, he serviced as a Church Trustee and on the Cemetery Committee at St. John's. Growing up, he attended grade school in Truesdale, Iowa, where he graduated from Truesdale High School in 1953. On January 7, 1957, Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army where he worked stateside as an Aircraft Mechanic. He was honorably discharged on January 6, 1959. Ron started farming on his own in 1967, at which time he bought a farm a mile and a half south of the home place in Grant section 18, from Walter Scott. He has continued farming the home place until his health forced him to enlist custom planting and harvesting. Up until 2002, Ron had a cow calf herd. After that time, he would get some calves in to graze the pasture until his failing health prevented him. On March 18, 1995, Ron was united in marriage to Joyce (Lucht) Sump at St. John's United Church of Christ in rural Newell, Iowa. With this union, Ron became a father to Tonya and Candace Sump. Ron was a dedicated and proud farmer for his entire life. In addition to working the land and raising livestock, he also enjoyed going on bus trips, gardening and was

an active member of the church board of St. John's. In 1995, Ron was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) at which point, he was forced to reduce his time farming. Farming was Ron's first love and he took great pride and joy in taking care and working the soil. He was always happiest when he could be on the tractor doing something in the field. Once a farmer, always a farmer will be how he is remembered. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Joyce Nehring of Storm Lake; daughter, Candace Sump of West Des Moines, Iowa; one sister, Ruth Gerdes of Lake View, Iowa; nephews and nieces: Greg (DiAnna) Gerdes; Steve Gerdes; Brian (Wanda) Gerdes; David (Julie) Gerdes; extended family and a host of friends. Ron was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Edward Gerdes; children: Tonya and Craig Sump; and step-mother, Dora (Burmeister) Nehring.