



Ward R. John

March 17, 1926 - August 21, 2014

Ward R. John, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, August 21, 2014 at North Lake Manor in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, August 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m. until the beginning of the service at the church. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Ward John was born March 17, 1926, in Sioux City, Iowa to Elmer and Hattie (Johnson) John. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church in Linn Grove, Iowa. Ward graduated from High View High School, Linn Grove, in 1942. As a child, he was hospitalized at the University of Iowa Hospital for several months with a broken hip. While there, he was visited by Nile Kinnick and the Iowa football team. He received a degree in Business Administration from Drake University. A highlight of his while doing an internship at Baylor University, Ward announced D-day over the radio. Upon graduation he became principal at Ute High School for several years.

On October 1, 1951, Ward married Harriet Zatloukal at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Pocahontas. They were blessed with three children: Mark, Lance, and Joni.

Ward was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Storm Lake. He had his own insurance agency for several years before going into farming.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children: Mark John of Omaha, Nebraska; Lance and his wife Vicki John of Ames, Iowa; and Joni John of Council Bluffs, Iowa; his grandchildren: Nathan McGraw of Des Moines, Iowa; Nicholas McGraw of Keokuk, Iowa; and Michael Damske of Ames, Iowa.

Ward was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Harriet.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Lance and Vickie, I wish to offer your family my sympathy for the loss for your father. We have moved to Lake View and did not hear till I saw in the Globe he had passed. I enjoyed being a part of your parents life at BV Manor and last visited in July he was still full of stories. My mother also sends her best wishes. Ward spent many hours at our kitchen table visiting with my dad many years ago. God Bless You and Yours, Laura Schaffer

Laura Schaffer - September 15, 2014 at 10:11 AM

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“ Lance and family,
I want to offer my deepest sympathy to you on the passing of Ward. It has been years since I had a chance to spend time with him, but I still remember him from my high-school days some 40 years ago. We had some great conversations, he is a wonderful man and I know he will be missed by us all.

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Michael Snyder - August 25, 2014 at 05:38 AM