



Warren Daiker

September 6, 1930 - November 20, 2011

Warren Joe Daiker, age 81, of Fonda, Iowa died November 20, 2011 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Warren Joseph "Joe" Daiker was born on September 6, 1930 in Glidden, Iowa, the son of John A. and Caroline (Thelen) Daiker. Joe grew up on the family farm northeast of Auburn, IA. He attended Auburn High School, where he excelled in sports and music. Joe was a decorated veteran who served aboard the USS Princeton during the Korean War. He was an Electrician and Military Policeman during his time of duty. Joe was honored to be selected from the ship's crew to serve as one of General McArthur's Honor Guard during a visit to the carrier. Throughout his military service, Joe travelled the world and visited many exotic locations. Joe later returned to Iowa, where he met his future wife, Marilyn Gingery. On February 16, 1957, Joe and Marilyn were united in marriage at St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Churdan, Iowa. Their union was blessed with seven children: Laura, Linda, Paul Thomas, John, Diane, Brian, and Ron. Joe was a farmer for much of his life, working on his farm located southwest of Lohrville, IA. Joe was a dedicated husband, father, and role model to many. He will be remembered as a hard worker who always placed the needs of others above his own. Joe left his children a name that they may be proud of and cherish. Joe was an upright, reliable man and a devout Catholic. His faith in God was one of the greatest gifts he gave to his children. He was a faithful member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Joe loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and

fisherman, even though he spent most of his time baiting hooks for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed watching Western movies and traveling to Texas in the winters. Joe liked to have fun and had a great sense of humor. He loved dancing with Marilyn, good food, and spending time with friends and family. Joe was a strong believer in the value of self reliance, teaching his children how to hunt, fish, and turn a wrench. He supported his children in their many endeavors and took pride in the knowledge that all of his children received a college education. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 54 years, Marilyn Daiker of Fonda, Iowa; his children: Laura (Joel) Eccher of Fonda; Linda (Chris) Mercer of Fonda, Iowa, John (Jennifer) Daiker of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Diane (Jeff) Krafka of Ottumwa, Iowa; Brian (Jamiey) Daiker of Ashton, Iowa; and Ron (Diane) Daiker of Iowa City, Iowa; grandchildren; Melissa, Jae, Kimberly, and Michelle Eccher; Robert, Joseph, and Emily Mercer; Jacob and Joshua Daiker; Gabrielle Krafka; and Elliot Daiker; one brother, Cornelius (Glenna) Daiker of Auburn, Iowa; three sisters: Coletta Mohr of Fonda, Iowa; Ethel Drees of Adams, Minnesota; and Marietta Sammons of Lidderdale, Iowa; extended family and friends. Warren was preceded in death by his parents; son, Paul Thomas Daiker; sisters: Mabel Schug and Drusilla Abney; brothers: John, Leroy, Leonard, and Ivan; infant sister, Ila Mae Daiker; and grandchildren: Erin and Haley Mercer. A blameless, clean life has closed, its lessons indelibly impressed on all with whom he came into contact. Joe was greatly loved, and will be greatly missed.