



Alfred Kraus

May 28, 1923 - December 15, 2015

Al Kraus, 92 of Maple River, died Tuesday morning at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Gary Snyder. Mass servers will be Heather Kraus and Heidi Kraus. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir with John Wagner as soloist. Lector for the funeral mass will be Michaela Neppel. Gift Bearers will be: Robyn Gilliland, Melanie Promes, Jenny Kraus, Michaela Neppel, Holly Varner, and Juliana Schuster. Eucharistic Ministers will be: Kathy Kraus and Kathy Rupiper. Casket Bearers will be: Jake Kraus, Chris Kraus, Casey Buck, Chris Neppel, Ben Varner, and Matthew Promes. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Friday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m. on Saturday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll and online condolences may be left for Al's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on May 28, 1923 at Willey, Iowa, Alfred Bernard Kraus was the son of Fred and Emma (Kennebeck) Kraus. Al was baptized at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey. He spent his younger years in Lidderdale where he attended Holy Family School and was a member of Holy Family Church.

Al was married to Irene Irlmeier on November 27, 1945 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. Al and Irene farmed for 6 years in Lidderdale and in 1951 moved north of Maple River where they farmed and raised their family. He was currently a member of Holy Spirit Church and was a lifelong member of St. Francis Church in Maple River until its closing.

Al's passion in life besides his family was farming and raising livestock; especially his Hereford cattle. He also loved to auctioneer. Al was a friend to all, and was loved by many. He could strike up a conversation with anyone, young or old. His hobbies included polka dancing, traveling, and spending time with his family and many friends.

Al is survived by his children: Bev (Mark) Vereb of Scottsdale, AZ, Tom (Chrissy) Kraus of Lacrosse, WI, Alan (Cindy) Kraus of Carroll, Dan Kraus of Maple River, and Karla (K.R.) Buck of Denison; 9 grandchildren: Robyn (Eric) Gilliland, Melanie Promes, Jennifer Kraus, Jake Kraus, Juliana (Bryon) Schuster, Chris (Jen) Kraus, Michaela (Chris) Neppel, Casey Buck and friend Amanda, and Holly (Ben) Varner; 12 great-grandchildren: Jessica, Chelsea, Nathan, Matthew, Kelsea, Keyton, Briana, Kylee, Abby, Michael, Madi, and Alexa; his brother, Merlin (Mary Lou) Kraus of Anita; his sister, Louise Owens of Carroll; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Kathy Kraus of Carroll, Merlin "Mox" (Anna Mae) Irlmeier of Templeton, and Kathleen Irlmeier of Audubon; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Irene in May of 2012; his granddaughter, Molly Ann Kraus; his sister, Dorothy Behrens; and his brothers, Paul Kraus and Bob Kraus.

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Darlene Kraus Littleton lit a candle in memory of Alfred Kraus*



Darlene Kraus Littleton - December 19, 2015 at 08:14 PM

DL

I have good memories of Uncle Al and Aunt Irene and was blessed to be part of their family.

Darlene Kraus Littleton - December 19, 2015 at 08:16 PM

SB

“ *Sheila Border lit a candle in memory of Alfred Kraus*



Sheila Border - December 19, 2015 at 08:55 AM

JR

“ *Jean M Reiff lit a candle in memory of Alfred Kraus*



Jean M Reiff - December 18, 2015 at 01:03 AM

JR

Alfred will be missed by all. He was such a friendly man and always like to talk to anyone. He is now back with the love of his life his dear beloved Irene..May they both rest in peace.. My thoughts and prayers to all of the Kraus family.

Jean M Reiff - December 18, 2015 at 01:05 AM

JK

“ *Jerry Kraus lit a candle in memory of Alfred Kraus*



Jerry Kraus - December 17, 2015 at 09:00 PM

SS

“ *Susan S. lit a candle in memory of Alfred Kraus*



Susan S. - December 17, 2015 at 02:06 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfred Kraus.*



December 17, 2015 at 11:04 AM

BO

“ *Brian O'Neill lit a candle in memory of Alfred Kraus*



Brian O'Neill - December 16, 2015 at 09:43 PM

BO

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Kraus family during these difficult times.

Brian O'Neill - December 16, 2015 at 09:44 PM

PE

Sending our thoughts and prayers to all of you! I know Al and Irene are dancing together in heaven!! Peg (Irlmeier) Foye

Peg - December 17, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Alfred Kraus.*



December 16, 2015 at 08:38 PM

SJ

“ *My sympathy to the Kraus family. Al was such and gracious and kind man and always had time to say hi. Al and Irene were family friends all of my life. My mother loved to tell how Irene made my first baby dresses. Words don't express how much Al (and Irene) will be missed. Sheila Douglas Johnson*

Sheila Johnson - December 16, 2015 at 09:15 AM