



Lavern Riesenberg

January 7, 1932 - May 9, 2016

Lavern Riesenberg, age 84, of Halbur, died Monday, May 9, 2016, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 13, 2016 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur. The Celebrant will be Fr. Steven Brodersen. Mass Servers will be Emily Riesenberg, and Bryce Riesenberg. Music will be by Julie Sibbel, and the St. Augustine, and Holy Angels Choirs, with Sonya Riesenberg as soloist. Lectors will be Tricia Ezekwe, Craig Riesenberg, and Matt Riesenberg. Gift Bearers will be Tatianna Riesenberg, Carrie Riesenberg, Jolie Riesenberg, Athena Riesenberg, and Adara Ezekwe. Eucharistic Ministers will be Don Riesenberg, Tricia Ezekwe, and Irene Schroeder. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Lavern's Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren. Casket Bearers will be Jeremy Riesenberg, Christopher Riesenberg, Adam Riesenberg, Alex Riesenberg, Danie Riesenberg, and Jeff Riesenberg. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with military honors conducted by the Arcadia American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a Rosary prayed at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 7 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Augustine Church on Friday morning where visitation will resume at 9:30 a.m. and continue until the time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or at the church to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Lavern's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on January 7, 1932, near Roselle, Iowa, Lavern was the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Wiskus) Riesenbergs. He attended Holy Angels School in Roselle. After his formal education, Lavern farmed with his father. On March 2, 1953, Lavern was inducted into the United States Army and served in the transportation unit during the Korean Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge on March 1, 1955, Lavern returned to Halbur where he continued to farm and work as a Chevrolet mechanic.

On November 17, 1958, Lavern was united in marriage to Theresa Peter at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dedham. The couple made their home on the Riesenbergs Family Farm near Halbur. In addition to his farming and mechanic work, Lavern drove school bus for the Carroll Community School District for 26 years until his retirement in 2008.

Over the years Lavern enjoyed traveling with his wife Theresa. He also enjoyed driving high school students to their extracurricular activities. Most of all, Lavern enjoyed spending time with his wife, thirteen children, and their families. Lavern was a lifetime member of the Arcadia American Legion and St. Augustine Church in Halbur.

Lavern is survived by his children: Dave (Colleen) Riesenbergs of Manson, Dale (Linda) Riesenbergs of Sioux City, Don (Michele) Riesenbergs of West Bend, Denise (Jeff) Petty of Princeton, Tom (Julie) Riesenbergs of Carroll, Chuck (Lisa) Riesenbergs of West Bend, Scott (Marie) Riesenbergs of Cedar Rapids, Russ (Tracy) Riesenbergs of Roselle, Tricia (Ben) Ezekwe of Kansas City, MO, Craig (Sonya) Riesenbergs of Muscatine, Matt (Helene) Riesenbergs of Springfield, VA, Kris (Anna) Riesenbergs of Eagan, MN, and Nic (Diana) Riesenbergs of Hagerstown, MD; 29 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren with 1 on the way; his sisters: Irene (Bob) Schroeder of Carroll, and Laura Wernimont of Carroll; his sister-in-law's, and brother-in-law's: Irene Riesenbergs-Koythan of Carroll, Betty Riesenbergs of Carroll, Hank Eischeid of Omaha, NE, Frances (Kenneth "Shorty") Wieland of Templeton, Carol (Vernon) Irlmeier of Glidden, and Jane Peter of Dedham; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Lavern was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Theresa on November 3, 2015; and his siblings: Stella Riesberg, Ed Riesenbergs, Florence Eischeid, Ray Riesenbergs, and an infant sister, Laura Riesenbergs.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JA

“ I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He drove our KHS athletic teams to many events during my time there. We always called him "Mr. Nice Bus Driver", which was pretty high praise from a group of teenagers. Always kind and patient.

Julie (Oswald) Anderson - May 19, 2016 at 08:13 AM

PK

“ Riesenberg Clan,
Heartfelt sympathy on Lavern's passing. Your dad was such a friendly fella....he drove most of our family on the bus route to Kuemper and back each and every day. Always a smile or kind word as we stepped on or off the bus. What a gift...

Hugs,
Pam (Stitz) & Chris Kitt

pam kitt - May 12, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ Violets And Butterflies was purchased for the family of Lavern Riesenberg.



May 11, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Lavern Riesenberg.



May 11, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ SJFHQ-E, Fort Belvoir, VA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lavern Riesenberg.



SJFHQ-E, Fort Belvoir, VA - May 11, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Matt and family,
You guys are in our hearts and thoughts. Please do not hesitate if you need anything!!
Love,
Pat, Deb, and family

Murphy Family - May 11, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss Our heart goes out to you and your family. May God bless you and send his angels to give you comfort and strength.
The Montgomery family

Chris and Ineke Montgomery - May 10, 2016 at 06:37 PM

FC

“ *From your friends at The HON Company purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lavern Riesenberg.*



From your friends at The HON Company - May 10, 2016 at 10:24 AM

CT

“ *Charlie Tuna lit a candle in memory of Lavern Riesenberg*



charlie tuna - May 09, 2016 at 08:11 PM

RS

“ *Ross&Michelle Schuette lit a candle in memory of Lavern Riesenberg*



Ross&Michelle Schuette - May 09, 2016 at 02:46 PM