



E. John Ferguson

June 22, 1930 - July 6, 2014

E. John Ferguson, age 84, of Spirit Lake, died on Sunday July 6, 2014 at the Hilltop Care Center in Spirit Lake. Funeral Services will be 11:00 am Wednesday at the Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, with Rev. Lon Lewis officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday, from 5:30P.M. until 7:30P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be in the Laurens Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the VFW Post #3533 of Laurens. Eldon John Ferguson, the son of Earl and Gladys (Grice) Ferguson, was born on June 22, 1930 in Laurens, Iowa. He graduated from Laurens High School in 1949. John served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. On June 9, 1951 John was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart Ruth Davidson at the Laurens Methodist Church. John and Ruth farmed north of Laurens for a number of years. He starting buying fat cattle for IBP in 1963 and became a well known buyer for Spencer Foods. He introduced his son Jeff to the cattle business and remained interested and involved in the cattle market until his death. In his 60's, John started and developed a successful pilot car business and remained active in his business until the age of 80. John was a member the American Legion and VFW and was the past Master of the Grace Masonic Lodge in Laurens. He helped coach Little League baseball and was a 4-H leader for many years. John enjoyed fly fishing trips to Bozeman, MT with his two sons, watching his grandchildren play sports, Iowa and Iowa State Basketball, watching and playing golf and dancing with his wife Ruth.

Left to cherish John's memory is his wife of 63 years, Ruth; two sons, Jeff Ferguson and his wife Barb of Bozeman, MT and Dr. Steven Ferguson and his wife Lisa of Dakota Dunes, SD; three grandchildren, Austin, Tanner and Taylor Ferguson; and two brothers, Arnold Ferguson of Tacoma, WA and Robert (Phyllis) Ferguson of Ames; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Don and Dale Ferguson.

Condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made in John's name to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall

HK

“ We are sorry to read of Johns passing. Herman always enjoyed driving as an escort for his business & enjoyed all the countryside he was able to see. Take care Ruth. Herman & Candy Kamradt

Herman & Candy Kamradt - July 12, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MS

“ God's Blessings over John's Loved Ones.
I'm sorry I was away and missed the services honoring his life.
Heaven IS Real...and, John
is enjoying a Wonderful Life there. Until you
see him again...praying Peace in each of your hearts.

Marilyn Strickland - July 11, 2014 at 10:18 AM

RJ

“ My deepest condolences to the Ferguson family. May the many happy memories you have help you through this difficult time. Ruth and John were always so good to the "Gilbert Park ballplayers".
Peace to you all.

Rick Jaacks - July 09, 2014 at 02:02 PM

CW

“ Ruth and family - I sure was sorry to hear of John's passing. He will be greatly missed. John always had a way of livening up the office when he came in. We looked forward to his visits. I know you all have great memories!

Connie Wymer - July 09, 2014 at 12:06 PM

MM

“ Ferguson Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Cherish the times that you were able to spend with your father/grandfather.

Coach Miller and the Heelan Volleyball Team

Mary Miller - July 08, 2014 at 09:37 PM

TC

“ Ruth and family. I was so shocked to hear the news when Dad told me. Dad sure liked visiting with you guys since he came to Hilltop to do his therapy. I remember just last Thursday night, July 3. We were all sitting outside enjoying some quiet time in between the sirens, etc. from all the busy tourist traffic. We were joking. John, was sitting ahead of you Ruth. But many times, when I looked over there.....he was smiling. It wasn't a little grin but a big ear to ear grin. I heard him laughing a few times with all of our comments about living in a tourist area, etc. I have heard several of the staff mention his infectious giggle and how they adored it so. He touched many lives and will be missed by many. Prayers to you all through this difficult time. Teresa (Dean) Clark and Glen Dean

Teresa (Dean) Clark - July 08, 2014 at 01:34 PM

KH

“ Ruth, Jeff, & Steve, We are so sorry for your loss! God has received another wonderful angel. We will miss him dearly. John was such a wonderful friend and a long time neighbor - he was also such a wonderful friend to mom and dad!! God bless you all.

Kim Yager Hain - July 08, 2014 at 09:19 AM

CI

“ Ruth and family, Heaven has welcomed another angel, may you find peace in his memories. It's so hard to let them go, but we all know thru our belief and faith, they are in a better place just waiting for us all to be together once again.

Cheryl Hummel Ihry - July 07, 2014 at 10:51 PM

CS

“ E. John Ferguson

Chad Schuchert - July 07, 2014 at 05:14 PM

GR

“ John was a very good friend, since we attended G.I. School after the service. Later we both lived in Spirit Lake were we enjoyed a good friendship with John and Ruth and our families. I became a driver for his company and we had lots of adventures to visit about. He was a proud Grandpa who watched and talked about all their ball games. We will miss his giggle and friendly ways.

Gene and Doris Rouse - July 07, 2014 at 10:02 AM

VS

“ John became a boss and then a friend and finally just a very good friend. We shared the same birthday and the same compassion for our children and grand children. He will be missed.

Virgil and Dorothy Spiess

virgil spiess - July 07, 2014 at 09:05 AM

SC

“ John was one of a kind. His passing will be felt by many friends he made over the years. He always had the same grin on his face. Sorta like a little boy that had got caught in the cookie jar. I don't think Cecil and I were ever any place where John was that he didn't come over and visit for a while. The family has lost a big thread out of the blanket with his passing. Prayers for you !!

Sharon Caskey - July 07, 2014 at 08:42 AM

EB

“ Ruth, Jeff & Steve, I am so in shock and saddened to have lost my dear friend John. John was a wonderful friend to me, I missed not working for him and his phone calls " where you at?". I was always excited for the next phone call and the adventure I would be sent on. Love and miss you my friend, rest in peace. Evy

Evy Billings - July 06, 2014 at 06:55 PM