



John Eckard

September 27, 1925 - January 28, 2013

John K. Eckard, age 87, of Spirit Lake, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2013, at the Milford Nursing Center in Milford, Iowa. He was born on September 27, 1925, in Milford, Iowa, to Dana and Bernice (Powell) Eckard. John attended Okoboji High School before serving his country in the United States Army. He was united in marriage to Alice Rasmussen on August 27, 1948, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

John worked all of his life farming. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, where he served as the Treasurer for the Methodist Men, the American Legion, where he was the Commander for eight years, the V.F.W. and Kiwanis. John enjoyed spending his spare time fishing, golfing, bowling, playing cards and dancing.

John is survived by his wife, Alice Eckard of Spirit Lake; daughter, Deanne Eckard of Jeromesville, Ohio; four sons, Dean Eckard, and his wife, Linda of Hanover, Minnesota, Dennis Eckard, and his wife, Kathy of Kansas City, Dana Eckard, and his wife, Elizabeth of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and David Eckard of Portland, Oregon; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30A.M. Thursday, January 31, 2013, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. There will be one hour of visitation held prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *God bless you, Uncle Johnny. Rest in peace.*
Jane Weber

Jane Weber - February 17, 2013 at 01:22 AM

JE

“ *I knew John for many years working at Superior Coop. He was such a kind, gentle man... always a smile and a friendly conversation. I remember when he was on the Board of Directors and we had our annual meeting and I mistakenly put his name tag on instead of my own. When he went to get his the only "Eckard" there was Joan not John... he teased me about that for a long time. HA! You have my deepest sympathy, may your wonderful memories bring you smiles and comfort!*

Joan Eckard Eveleth - February 05, 2013 at 03:13 PM

DK

“ *Alice and family,*
Our condolences at hearing of John's graduating to heaven. He has recieved his reward for his faith. I have fond memories of John. He was my first employer. He paid Bob, Les and I top wages at that time (\$1.25/hr.) for walking beans and baling hay. We are kind of out of touch since we started wintering in FL. Sorry I'm late with this. Dale for Mary and I

Dale Kimball - February 04, 2013 at 09:24 AM

CW

“ *So sorry to hear of John's passing. We enjoyed having them as neighbors on 29th Street. I know he will be greatly missed.*

Connie & Bill Wymer - January 31, 2013 at 07:24 AM

MG

“ To Dennis and the Eckard family,
You are in my prayers during this time of sorrow. I remember your
father at the Legion calling Bingo.

Marvin Gamble - January 30, 2013 at 09:28 PM

SJ

“ Alice and family---my thoughts and prayers are with you--Sherryl
Joines family!

Sherryl Joines - January 30, 2013 at 03:44 PM

BS

“ Alice and children,
Such fond memories I have of all the good times with you both!
Eating out, going for drives around the lake, boating, fishing,
Lenny's memorial, and just being together with my mom Nellie and
you guys. John always looked after Nellie, and we all appreciated
that! Johnny was a great guy, and the most patriotic person I have
ever known. How he loved talking about his military days! John left
us all with such good memories and he will be missed by so many!

Barb Schenkelberg - January 30, 2013 at 11:08 AM

GS

“ Uncle Johnny was my very most favorite uncle. He always had
great stories to tell and always enjoyed being with kids and horsing
around with them. As a child, my parents, sister and I visited Uncle
Johnny and Aunt Alice at least once a year, even after we left Iowa
and moved to Texas. Uncle Johnny, you will be missed. Rest in
peace.

ginger sandoval - January 29, 2013 at 08:30 PM

RT

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of our favorite Uncle Johnny. I have such fond memories of him all through childhood and beyond. I know he is laughing it up and playing cards with Nellie, his sister, (my mother) Dick and I are thinking of you Alice and all the family.

Raechel Borchard Trimble - January 29, 2013 at 08:23 PM

BC

“ We will miss John at fun nights at the Methodist Church. He was such a great guy! Always keeping score for the ones playing cards and always smiling.

Alice, you and your family are in our prayers.

Beth Kramme & Troylene Cooper - January 29, 2013 at 08:20 PM

DO

“ May your hearts find peace and comfort in knowing that soon, all suffering and death will be no more - Revelation 21:3, 4. My deepest condolences to the family for your loss.

Doris - January 29, 2013 at 12:58 PM

SC

“ So sorry. Your dad was such a nice guy. I used to buy Bingo cards from him for my mom and he would take them home with him so I could pick them up at the house. Of course we always had to listen to all the tales about the kids and grandkids. He was a good husband and dad and I know you will miss him alot. He may just run into Cec and they can tell stories together. Hugs and my blessings be with you.

Sharon Caskey - January 28, 2013 at 01:57 PM