



John Fred Steinkamp

October 28, 1950 - January 29, 2017

John F. Steinkamp, 66, of Spirit Lake passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Lakes Regional Health Care. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Laurens, IA. Following the committal service, there will be a reception at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Laurens. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. with a Knights of Columbus Rosary Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home.

John Fred Steinkamp was born October 28, 1950 to Fred & Marcella (Meister) Steinkamp in Emmetsburg, IA. He was raised on a farm NE of Laurens, IA. along with his brothers Bob, Art, and Matt. This is the same farm he would return to in later years to raise his own family.

John was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Laurens. He graduated from the Laurens High School and continued his education at Iowa State University. June 19, 1971 John married the little red head he fell for in kindergarten; "his Mary". Over the next 6 years John & Mary welcomed two daughters, Amy & Sarah, and his brother, Matt to their family. John started his career in the grain elevator business in March of 1971 at the Farmers Coop Elevator in Laurens. He went to work at the Ruthven Coop

Elevator in the mid 1990's, as an agronomy department manager. He ended his career at Everly, IA for Green Plains Grain in 2012.

John enjoyed many interests but, especially in his retirement, he loved woodworking, gardening, and making animated lighted yard decorations, especially for Christmas. But the best thing ever was having his family all together. He and Mary missed very few ballgames that their grandsons played, traveling far and wide to do so. Not to mention their granddaughters dance recitals, soccer games & swim meets.

John thoroughly enjoyed his years spent with the Knights of Columbus. He held many offices in the local, district and state levels and served on the degree team. He was also a 4th degree Knight. John made many lifelong friends along the way.

Speaking of friends, John took the grandsons to the Clay County Fair every year. The boys came home one time and said "does Grandpa know everybody?"! Seems they had a hard time making their way across the fairgrounds without stopping to chat with another friend.

John was welcomed home on January 29, 2017 by his parents, brothers, and Mary's parents Bud & Wilma Holmes. He leaves behind his best friend, Mary, his children Todd & Amy Maschino, Greg & Sarah Villegas, Grandchildren Bryce & Riley Maschino, Olivia & Sophia Villegas. Three sisters-in-law, Dee Steinkamp, Joyce Steinkamp and Patty Steinberg, 8 nieces and nephews, and many, many cousins and a multitude of friends.

There is no greater compliment to a life well lived than to be told that John truly was a role model for what a Christian man should be.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

Laurens, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Fred Steinkamp*



Robinson Funeral Home - January 31, 2017 at 04:27 PM

DJ

Mary and family, what a lovely tribute to John and precious memories of a wonderful life! My sympathy and prayers for comfort to you, Donna Jeffers-kalder

Donna JeffersKalder - February 15, 2017 at 09:43 AM

KW

“ *Mary, you have the condolences of the Thuemling family! I remember John from school & how he & my brother Randy were such good friends.*

*Kate Thuemling Wachter
Stockton, Il*

Kate Thuemling Wachter - February 15, 2017 at 10:18 AM

NS

“ *Love and prayers to the Steinkamp family. My heart goes out to you. So very sorry for your loss.*

Nancy Stegge

Nancy Stegge - February 13, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of John Fred Steinkamp.



February 01, 2017 at 10:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of John Fred Steinkamp.



February 01, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *Much Love, Patty, Sharai & Mark* purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of John Fred Steinkamp.



Much Love, Patty, Sharai & Mark - January 31, 2017 at 08:13 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of John Fred Steinkamp.



January 31, 2017 at 08:04 PM

PV

“ Growing up north of Laurens and just 1 1/2 miles from the Steinkamps, I have known John my entire life. I used to ride up to their home with my Dad. John was such a cutie and was always nice to me. As we grew up, he never changed. He stayed that cutie who was nice to everyone and always had a wonderful smile. For as long as I can remember, it was "Mary and John". What wonderful memories you all will have to keep him near. Thinking of you all.

Peggy Vial - January 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM

BB

“ John's family,
We extend our heartfelt sympathies to all of this time of John's passing. I got to know John when he worked at the Everly Coop. I thought he was a fine man and enjoyed working with him.
Bryan and Gayle Bailey
Everly, Ia

Bryan Bailey - January 31, 2017 at 12:03 PM

BB

“ My deepest sympathy Mary, Amy and Todd and boys, Sarah Greg and girls. He was a special kind of a guy.

Becky Braesch



Becky Braesch - January 31, 2017 at 09:18 AM

Carla Larson

We met John when he worked at the elevator in Ruthven, he was always friendly and fun to joke around with. He was a great man. So sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to the family. Bob and Carla Larson

Carla Larson - February 01, 2017 at 01:46 AM

JD

“ *The brotherhood is Going to miss you John,
I always remember your smile no matter how bad you were feeling,
Your working with the Knights of Columbus brothers, you were
tireless.
Rest in peace my friend,
To His Family, I'm sorry for your lost*

John DeVivo - January 31, 2017 at 08:25 AM

BD

“ *John was a really friendly gentleman whom we all will miss.
Sympathy and prayers to Mary and families.
In Christ's Love, Bob and Connie Dallenbach*

Bob Dallenbach - January 30, 2017 at 09:10 PM

JC

“ *Joyce, Mike, Jeff, Tina, and children purchased
the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of
John Fred Steinkamp.*



Joyce, Mike, Jeff, Tina, and children - January 30, 2017 at 07:55 PM

CV

“ *Charlie and Peggy Vial purchased the Garden Ac
cent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the
family of John Fred Steinkamp.*



Charlie and Peggy Vial - January 30, 2017 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ *Jon And Linda Sorenson lit a candle in memory of John Fred Steinkamp*



Jon and Linda Sorenson - January 30, 2017 at 07:05 PM

TM

“ *Tyler & Lanette Maschino lit a candle in memory of John Fred Steinkamp*



Tyler & Lanette Maschino - January 30, 2017 at 06:01 PM

DB

“ *Thinking of you and your family, Mary. Will be out of town so unable to make visitation.....would love to come to give you a hug otherwise.
Sending my cares, Dianne Binder*

Dianne Binder - January 30, 2017 at 05:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Fred Steinkamp.*



January 30, 2017 at 05:44 PM

MS

“ Our condolences go out to the family of John Steinkamp. He was truly what all men and all of us in the Knights of Columbus as well should be! He will be missed and all that knew him will certainly have one less example before them to show how we should follow our faith.

Mike Skonhovd - January 30, 2017 at 05:26 PM

PP

“ Prayers to the Steinkamp family, sorry for your loss.

Pat & Judy Peddycoart



Pat & Judy Peddycoart - January 30, 2017 at 04:34 PM

LH

“ Laura Hanna sent a virtual gift in memory of John Fred Steinkamp



Laura Hanna - January 30, 2017 at 04:07 PM

DJ

“ Johns Family,
May GOD wrap his arms around you at this most difficult time.



Dee Jackson - January 30, 2017 at 03:37 PM

TB

“ John was a great neighbor and we often talked when I walked my dog. I will miss our talks and his humor. Be at peace John and my sympathies to Mary and the family.

Tom and Woody Bronson

Thomas Bronson - January 30, 2017 at 03:04 PM

FB

“ Continued prayers for John and the rest of the family he was a loving man of God. I will miss him along with all the Knights of Columbus members.

*Frank Boever
Spencer*

Frank Boever - January 30, 2017 at 10:42 AM

NA

“ Love and prayers to the Steinkamp family. My heart goes out to you. So very sorry for your loss.

Nancy - January 30, 2017 at 09:29 AM

SH

“ John was the best father-in-law and role model I could have prayed for for my son and a blessing to all who knew him. Our sympathies to his family.

Sally Howard - January 30, 2017 at 08:24 AM