



Randal Eakin

September 17, 1918 - February 28, 2020

Randal Eakin, 101, of Spirit Lake passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020 at his home with family surrounding him.

A funeral service for Randal will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2020 at the CrossWinds Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place in the Lakeview Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Randal was born to Bert and Helen Coral (Campbell) Eakin in Sibley, IA on September 17, 1918. He attended school in Sibley and then met and married Gudrun Hoiness in 1939.

He was employed by the Royal Theater in Sibley operating a sound motion picture projection machine for several years.

In April of 1944, he was inducted into the 3345th Signal Corps. After basic training he became a Tech 4 First Class Cook in the company mess hall supervising 4 cooks and 4 KP's in the preparation and cooking of all the food for 360 men. He served overseas in WWII for 15 months in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations in Okinawa. During this time, he received a badge for Rifle Marksman, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon with 1 Bronze

Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Randal received an Honorable Discharge in April of 1946.

Following his discharge, he worked as a Mason for 55 years. He was well known for his meticulous work and was asked to do special projects.

Randal and his wife moved to Spirit Lake in 1967 and retired in 1981.

He was a member of the Baptist Church while living in Sibley and attended the Faith Free Church in Spirit Lake.

Randal had a special passion for cars and keeping up his yard and driveway. He would wipe off his car every day whether or not it left the garage! He was still doing this well into his 90's. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger days. He loved family gatherings and doing home improvement projects for his son, grandson and great grandchildren.

He was a great role model for all the family. He always put everyone else first and never missed saying thank you for everything that was done for him. He could strike up a conversation with anyone wherever he was at the time. He will be greatly missed.

Randal is survived by his son, Dale (Bonnie) Eakin of Spirit Lake; grandchildren Randy (Coni) Eakin of Spirit Lake; Cyndee Eakin of Spirit Lake; great grandchildren Nate Eakin of Spirit Lake; Kristen (Darren) Shannon of Spirit Lake; Kari (Matt) Schueneman of Johnstown, CO; Kevin (Christy) Johnson of Spirit Lake; great-great grandchildren Kayley Brown, Felicity Schueneman, Drake Schueneman, Abram Schueneman, Cadence Johnson and Khloe Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gudrun, parents Bert and Coral Eakin,

brothers Neil Eakin, Darrel Eakin and Virgil Eakin and sister Ava Knudson.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Crosswinds Church
2508 Erie Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Service

MAR 6. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Ray & Darlene Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin*



Ray & Darlene Gustafson - March 06, 2020 at 01:38 PM

PA

“ *So sorry to hear of of your loss. Parents are so special always! They leave a large gap in our lives but they also leave us so many special memories that last us a lifetime. God bless you all and Randal on his journey home.*

Penny Ashland - March 04, 2020 at 12:46 PM

KH

So sorry to hear about your loss!!! Prayers for you and your family through this hard time of losing Randal. Enjoy the good times you had with him while he was here and you will see him in heaven sometime

Kalsey Hielkema - March 04, 2020 at 01:44 PM

RT

“ *Rick & Rob Stanton & the Sibley Sheet Metal Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Randal Eakin.*



Rick & Rob Stanton & the Sibley Sheet Metal Team - March 04, 2020 at 09:26 AM

AS

“ We always enjoyed seeing Grandpa Randal at the birthday parties. Art really enjoyed visiting with him. Our deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Art & Kay Schueneman - March 03, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KH

“ One of our funniest memories of Grampa Randall was watching him run around Walmart like it was nothing! And looking all one for Dale; all to find him sitting on the bench up front, pretending he already did his walk! 🤔 He was one of a kind! Loved by everyone! Especially us!

John & Kathy Christopherson

kathy hristopherson - March 03, 2020 at 08:40 AM



JC

“ John & Kathy Christopherson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Randal Eakin.



John & Kathy Christopherson - March 03, 2020 at 08:34 AM

KK

“ So sorry to hear about Randal. Kent and I always enjoyed visiting with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Kent & Jo Kastrup - March 02, 2020 at 05:59 PM

KH

“ *One can only imagine all the new joyful brickwork going up in Heaven!*

Ken H - March 02, 2020 at 11:06 AM

JH

“ *Jack&Jane Hinrichsen lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin*



Jack&Jane Hinrichsen - March 01, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Randal was always easy to talk to My Dad and Mom loved visiting Randal and Gudrun at the lake My dad loved fishing off the dock Randal was a great man I know he will be missed. RIP*

Jim Hoiness - March 01, 2020 at 07:47 PM

SG

“ *ShellyEckard Gifford lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin*



ShellyEckard Gifford - March 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM

FK

“ Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Fred Kaminska - March 01, 2020 at 06:37 PM

MT

“ Peace to the family



Mike & Deb Travis - March 01, 2020 at 05:11 PM

MM

“ Mary McClurg lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Mary McClurg - February 29, 2020 at 07:07 PM

LM

“ Luann Mehan lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Luann Mehan - February 29, 2020 at 03:13 PM

JP

“ Jackie Paulsen lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Jackie Paulsen - February 29, 2020 at 09:58 AM

DF

“ Dennis And Diane Fisher lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Dennis and Diane Fisher - February 29, 2020 at 08:20 AM

MU

“ Mick And Bonnie Umscheid lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Mick and Bonnie Umscheid - February 28, 2020 at 10:47 PM

SR

“ Sara Rossman lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin



Sara Rossman - February 28, 2020 at 09:46 PM

DK

“ *Denise Kastner lit a candle in memory of Randal Eakin* ”



Denise Kastner - February 28, 2020 at 08:35 PM