



John Wayne Russell

April 25, 1931 - August 23, 2016

John Russell, 85, of Oskaloosa passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at the MHP Hospice Services Serenity House in Oskaloosa. John Wayne Russell was born April 25, 1931, in Iowa City, Iowa. He spent his first few years of life at the Iowa Soldiers' Orphans' Home in Davenport. John was brought home to Oskaloosa by his parents, Clifford and Elizabeth (Mulbrook) Russell as a youngster and attended Prine School through eighth grade. He went on to graduate from Oskaloosa High School in 1949 and then went to work at Rollscreen in Pella. John was drafted into the U.S. Army in January 1952. He served two years in the army, including a nine month deployment to Korea with the Third Infantry Division. After his discharge, he returned to Oskaloosa and worked at Pella Corp. He worked in the carpenter shop at Pella Corp. for most of the 42 years he was with the company. July 2, 1960, he was united in marriage to Lola Kay Thompson. They remained in Oskaloosa where they raised their three children. John was an over 70 year member of the Central United Methodist Church where he served as an usher for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, collecting coins and stamps, and riding his motorcycles and bicycles. John will be remembered for his gentle demeanor, generous nature, consistent resiliency and quirky sense of humor. His family includes his wife, Kay of Oskaloosa; and his children: Michael Russell of Oskaloosa, Todd Russell of Florida, and Sarah Russell of Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Wayne Russell*

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“ *Did not realize John had passed. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a good man. I always felt safe riding to work with him.*

Lois Fulk - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Raymond and I will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bonnie Richards - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kay, We are so sorry to hear that John has passed away. We always enjoyed seeing him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Harry and Rachael Kemp*

August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. John was a great person. Was a roller skating friend in the 50's. Fun times!*

Alice Klyn - August 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. I have fond memories of John from way back in high school. He will be greatly missed by all of us. GOD BLESS!

Robert Dow - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Kay, Michael, Todd and Sarah, So sorry to hear of John's passing. I have fond memories of growing up beside the Russell family. I will definitely miss seeing John's smiling face when I come home to visit my parents. May Jesus wrap his arms around you and comfort you during this time of loss.

Christine - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Kay, Michael, Todd and Sarah, So sorry to hear of John's passing. I have many fond memories of living next to the Russell family. John always had a smile on his face. May Jesus wrap his loving arms around you during this difficult time.

Christine - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I am so sad to hear of the news about John. He was one of my favorite patients and I will truly miss seeing him. He always made me smile. Praying for the family at this time. Lisa Stodghill RDH

Lisa Stodghill - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My thoughts are with all of you. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Rick Bachman - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Kay, I'm sorry for your loss. You and John have been great neighbors.

Ruth Roberts - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ John Wayne Russell

marilyn turpin - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Kay and Mike, So sorry to hear of John,s passing. He was a good friend. I knew him for many years.

Ron Morrow - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My ole roller skating buddy,,I always felt so honored to skate with him,,,he was so smooth and so funny,,,He will be missed,Rip

Shirley Hunt - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ So many wonderful memories I've been remembering. He always had a great laugh and was so much fun to joke around with. He will be missed. I am so sorry.

cindy covey - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So very sorry to hear about John. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Jean Welsh - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We first met John while Kay was in the hospital for Mike's birth. We both attended Central United Methodist Church and were neighbors. Hearing of the birth, we invited him for dinner after church. That started a long term friendship for many, many years. We always enjoyed his "quirky" sense of humor. (a good description) We love the family and he will be greatly missed.

Swick Family - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - August 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM