



John Van Donselaar

October 17, 1937 - April 21, 2021

John Van Donselaar, 83, of New Sharon, died Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at his home.

John Junior Van Donselaar, the eldest son of Lewis Herman and Jennie (Van Engelenhoven) Van Donselaar, was born October 17, 1937. He started his education at Lincoln School in Oskaloosa and, after his parents moved to Wright, finished it at a country school in Wright. After completing his education, John helped his dad on the family farm. During this time, he joined the Iowa National Guard and served several years. He soon began his career as a welder at PAMCO in Oskaloosa and eventually became the welding supervisor.

On November 2, 1962, John married Leona Rae Edel, and they made their home on a farm north of Oskaloosa. In addition to farming, John started a portable welding business, Van Donselaar Portable Welding, and operated it for over 30 years.

John owned a horse and enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren ride, and he loved attending horse shows and horse sales. He also enjoyed tool and equipment auctions and coffee time with his friends at the Family Restaurant. It was not uncommon to see John driving his pickup with his dog at his side.

His family includes his wife of 58 years, Leona; his children: Steve (Diana) Van Donselaar of Otley, Doug (Lynette) Van Donselaar of New Sharon, Don (Jolene) Van Donselaar of New Sharon, Stuart (Cindy) Van Donselaar of New

Sharon, Rod (Robin) Van Donselaar of New Sharon; and Kristyn Van Donselaar (fiancé, Joe Phearman) of Kellogg; 12 grandchildren: Joshua (Heather) Van Donselaar, Sarah and Hannah Van Donselaar, Cody (Kelli) Van Donselaar, Dylan (Allison) Van Donselaar, Emily Van Donselaar, Ryan, Grant and Kaitlyn Van Donselaar, Mason, Graham and Livia Van Donselaar and four great-grandchildren: Zeke, Reagan, Haley, and Wyatt; his siblings: Leona "Mae" (Henry) Van Arkel of Oskaloosa, Arnold (Ileen) Van Donselaar of Oskaloosa, Ralph (LaVonne) Van Donselaar of Oskaloosa and Paul (Shirley) of Oskaloosa; and many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services for John will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 24, 2021, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, with Rev. Doug Van Der Pol officiating. Burial will be in Black Oak Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday evening, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, and the family will greet visitors during this time. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and appropriate personal protective equipment are advised for attending these public events. Memorial contributions honoring John's life can be made to the Mahaska County Saddle Club. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with John's final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Black Oak Cemetery

1101-1825 Barrows Ave
Leighton, IA 50143

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
2157 230th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
2157 230th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *John Van Donselaar*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *I so sorry to hear of John's passing . Sending many thoughts and prayers your way .*



Amy Nunnikhoven - April 24, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Leona...my heart goes out to you and your family...May you find peace and comfort during this very difficult time...I will say an extra little prayer for you if its ok and I am sending you a great big hug.*
Bob & Patricia Spratt-Draughn



Patricia Draughn - April 24, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *John, Leona, and four of their sons were wonderful neighbors to our parents Lawrence and Beverly Everett (both now passed). The Lacey area community is richer for them all. Our family is very sorry for your loss.*
Les Everett, Falcon Heights, MN

Les Everett - April 23, 2021 at 11:43 PM

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of John Van Donselaar*



Debbie - April 23, 2021 at 09:09 PM

DR

“ *I met John and Leona while working at Horizen Bank. John was a wonderful person. He will be missed.*



Dena Roorda - April 23, 2021 at 11:54 AM

LB

“ *We send our sympathies from Kansas. John was a special soul along side his dog. We know he will be missed. Cherish your memories.*



God Bless,

Chris and Linda Baumgartner & family

Linda Baumgartner - April 23, 2021 at 09:04 AM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss.

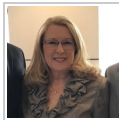


Ray&Charlotte Holdsworth - April 22, 2021 at 09:54 PM

RL

“ Dear Leona and family: We've read of John's entering glory yesterday and extend our deepest sympathy to you and your extended family whom we remember from our years(2001-2010) serving Bethel CRC in Oskaloosa. May the risen Lord Jesus Christ comfort you and your extended family by His Word and Spirit- today and all your tomorrows. In Christ's service- Rv. Marvin J. and Martha A. Leese

Rev.MJ and MA Leese - April 22, 2021 at 06:46 PM



Miss you Marvin and Martha! Shawn Langkamp

Shawn Langkamp - April 23, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DE

“ I am so sorry for your loss Leona. You and your family will be in my heart and prayers. I am sending you a big hug.

Deb Van Engelenhoven - April 22, 2021 at 02:22 PM