



## John J. Bottema

August 25, 1935 - January 3, 2021

John J. Bottema, 85, of Eldora, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Valley View in Eldora. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for John and his family.

John James Bottema Jr. was born on August 25, 1935 to John and Florence (Lubbert) Bottema. He was united in marriage to Betty (Crosser) Bottema on December 27, 1958. John and Betty resided around the Union-Whitten area. John was enlisted in the Army from 1958 to 1960 and was deployed to Germany as a lineman. He was honorably discharged. John received the Quilt of Valor on August 28, 2018. He was very honored to receive this with his friends and family around him. John worked as a farmhand for most of his life. He worked for Dale Vinton, Davison Brothers, Eagle Feeds, Jim Castor, Floyd Schwark, Al Johnson, Larry Norman and Ron Galloway.

John enjoyed playing card games such as pepper and five hundred when he spent time with friends and family. He loved talking about farming, tractors, specifically Farmall, which was his favorite. John enjoyed the simple things in life, such as visiting with loved ones and enjoying coffee and a snack. He loved any cake, pie or cookies. John had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed telling jokes and stories that would make everyone laugh. His humor was infectious. When John had spare time, he enjoyed campfires, picnics and

watching sports such as basketball, football, and baseball. John was loved by many, and he will be missed.

John Bottema is survived by his brothers, Robert (Linda) Bottema of Le Grand, Iowa and Lawrence Bottema of Eldora, Iowa; sisters, Dorothy (Clyde) Davidson of Eldora, Iowa, Ester (Darrell) Ankrum of Marshalltown, Iowa, Delores (Darwin) Buzzell of Boone, Iowa and Varina (Ron) Eason of Iowa Falls, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Rebecca; his parents; brother, Jake Bottema and two sisters, Etta Moats and Millie Nuendorff.

For an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the family:

722 S 1st Street

Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126

# Tribute Wall

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“ Was so very shocked to hear of John's passing when I made my monthly call to the home today. My sympathies to his family. We enjoyed catching up on sports and gardening. We are his wife's cousin (Roger and Mary Harmon) from Ohio. He was a great guy. When we met years ago on a visit to Eldora, we talked about his wife and family.

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**Mary Harmon** - January 21, 2021 at 05:33 PM

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“ I will truly miss visits with John. He always made us smile. We enjoyed viewing his puzzles and receiving a pen of choice from his well stocked pocket. I still hear his laugh. Such a wonderful man., he will be well remembered.

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**Val Meeker** - January 07, 2021 at 04:51 PM

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“ Uncle Johnny was a hard- working man of integrity...his dry wit kept us guessing and always brought a smile. Humble and quiet, he loved his jig saw puzzles, especially those featuring farm scenes or classic cars. I will miss seeing you! Your niece, Deb

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**deb johnson** - January 06, 2021 at 11:39 AM