



## Dr. John L. Fetter

July 2, 1929 - July 12, 2024

Dr. John L. Fetter, 95, of Ackley, passed away Friday, July 12, 2024 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Funeral mass will be 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ackley. He will be laid to rest at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Doc Fetter and his family.

Dr. John Lewis Fetter was born on July 2, 1929 in Chelsea, Iowa. He was the beloved son of Lewis and Agnes (Dvorak) Fetter and grew up alongside his nine siblings.

John attended St. Joseph's Catholic School followed by Chelsea Public High School, graduating in 1947. He continued his education at the University of Iowa, earning a bachelor's degree in 1952 and a DDS from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1959. Between his undergraduate and dental studies, John served in the Army from 1952 to 1954 and again from 1959 to 1963, dedicating nine years to military service.

Following his military service, Dr. Fetter "Doc" established a privately owned dental practice in Ackley, Iowa, where he served the community from 1963 until his retirement in 2000. He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ackley including assisting in the religious education program, the choir and ushering. Other interests included bowling, gardening, catching

fireflies, and mentoring at the AGWSR elementary. He was also an avid walker frequently seen throughout the community.

John Fetter was preceded in death by his brothers, Louie, Tony and Phil; sisters: Lillian, Adeline, Martha, and Peggy. He is survived by his sister, Georgia (Fetter) Duffy and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

John's life was marked by his dedication to his faith, his community and his country. His legacy of service and compassion leaves an indelible mark on all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

611 Sherman Avenue  
Ackley, IA 50601

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
611 Sherman Ave  
Ackley, IA 50601  
(641) 847-2329

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *I still have a cap on my tooth from 50 years ago.  
My cousin, Martha, was the secretary.  
Mary Rameyer*

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**Mary Frieden** - March 02, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MF

*Just had a tooth pulled.  
Infected.  
Amen.  
Mary Jo Rameyer*

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**Mary Jo Frieden** - April 15, 2025 at 05:41 PM

PZ

“ *I very much remember Doc. Out with his net every night in the summer catching fire flies to send off for research. He and I came to an understanding about pain. I warned him that I'd bit him, as it was too painful. He said more novacaine wasn't necessary as he was almost done. I apologized for biting him, and we laughed about it through the years. I always like him. Paula Marshall Zimdars*



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**paula zimdars** - July 12, 2024 at 06:53 PM

LK

*Doc, was one of nicest persons you'll ever want to meet.  
God Bless ...May you rest in peace!*

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**Larry Kramer** - July 13, 2024 at 12:14 PM

EV

*John Fetter was a very good friend of our family. He was such a kind man and a very good dentist.*

*Ellen was one of his first patients when he came to town, after she suffered a playground accident and had a chipped front tooth!*

*Eileen, as the school nurse, appreciated his visiting classrooms and talking to students about good oral health.*

*The Kruse family and the Dr. Bob Shirley family of Eldora enjoyed many dinners and birthday celebrations with John. We will always remember his fondness for Vanna White! :)*

*Rest in Peace and our condolences to his family. Eileen Kruse and Ellen Kruse Vanderloo*

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**Ellen Vanderloo** - July 13, 2024 at 04:22 PM

KJ

*A great guy and friend. You knew you could always count on Doc. He truly enjoyed and was proud to be a member of St. Mary's choir.*

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**kathy Jones** - July 19, 2024 at 11:07 AM