



John W. Ingebretson

February 18, 1920 - January 27, 2022

John W. Ingebretson of Thornton, Iowa, passed away Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Sheffield Care Center, twenty-two days away from his 102 birthday.

John was born on the family farm in rural Thornton, to Alfred and Laura (Blewett) Ingebretson, on February 18, 1920. He was the only boy in a family of six children. John attended school in Thornton and graduated in 1938. He served his country in the United States Army during WWII.

John had a love for the land and for animals. This love turned into a lifelong passion of farming, growing crops and raising cattle. He enjoyed driving around looking at the crops, as well as going to the sale barn. John was also the owner and operator of Ingebretson Grain.

John enjoyed reading Western novels by Louis L'Amour, sharing stories about his days in the Army, playing cards and cribbage, and spending time with his friends and family. John was a member of Thornton United Methodist Church.

He was a kind, tenderhearted man who had no enemies and was loved by all who knew him. John left behind his nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Laura, sisters Alice Champion, Miriam Mares, Helen Carstens, Dorothy Conrin and

Bethel Enabnit, and nephew Thomas Mares.

Due to COVID, a private family graveside service will be held at a later date at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Thornton. The Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Thornton is caring for John and his family.

Memorial contributions may be given in memory of John to the Thornton United Methodist Church or the

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

130th St
Thornton, IA 50479

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“ John loved the Thornton Library and his Western books. When the addition was added to the Library, John donated to have the landscaping completed around the entire building. He was so interesting to visit with and his mind was always so sharp. John was on my list to call when our Church was cancelled, almost always answered immediately. If I tried several times and no answer, I would call Mike and Betty Jensen, and Mike would always go to see that he was okay.

Former Director, Barbara Hopkey

Thornton will miss John

Barbara Hopkey - January 30, 2022 at 01:15 PM