



## Lavern Rieks

May 25, 1926 - February 14, 2023

Lavern Rieks, 96, of Alden, passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at his rural Alden farm. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Iowa Falls. He will be laid to rest with military honors at the Alden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until service time on Saturday, March 11 at the funeral home. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for Lavern and his family.

Lavern W. Rieks, son of Chris H. and Esther (Tintjer) Rieks, was born May 25, 1926 in Burdette, Iowa. He attended country school and was a farmer and carpenter his entire life. Lavern served in the United States Army from 1951-1953, as a tank driver on the front lines during the Korean Conflict.

On July 2, 1962 he was united into marriage to Shirley Hepperle in Blue Earth Minnesota. On June 19, 1994 they renewed their vows within the catholic faith at St. Mark Catholic Church in Iowa Falls. Lavern and Shirley were proud of their nearly 50 years of marriage, their children and their families. They both enjoyed farm life and later wintering in Southern Texas making lifelong friends.

Lavern Rieks is survived by his daughter, Karen (Don) Eldridge and her children, Diana (Robert) Carpenter of Webster City, David Hanus of Otho, Dwight (Amy) Hanus of Fort Dodge, Daniel (Penny) Hanus of Buford, Georgia;

his son, Christopher (Carolyn) Rieks of Alden and his children, Christa (Michael) Henry of Iowa Falls, Curtis Rieks, Conner Rieks, both of Alden; his daughter, Kathryn Rieks of Cresco and her son, Logan Rieks of Chadron, Nebraska; great-grandchildren: Mitch (Chelsie) Carpenter, Tyler Carpenter, Ashley (Thomas) Throntveit, Jacob (Abby) Hanus, Morgan (Jacob) Ladlie, Mackenzie Hanus, Madison Hanus, David Henry, Owen Henry and Benjamin Henry; great-great-grandchildren: Luke Carpenter, Claire Carpenter, Blair Throntveit, Savannah Throntveit, Ayla Ladlie, Brinley Ladlie and Joseph Hanus; sisters, Shirley Rotgers of Eldora and Marian Hazelwood, Lincoln, Nebraska; brother in- Law, James (Betty) Hepperle of Fort Dodge and sister in-law, Kathryn Yetmar of Clare. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (November 21, 2011); parents; brothers, Maynard and John; great-twin-grandsons, Matthew and Mark Carpenter; nephews, Kevin Rotgers, Todd Hazelwood; nieces, Retha Rotgers Adams and Nancy Hazelwood.

# Cemetery Details

## Alden Cemetery

Alden, IA 50006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls - Woodley Funeral Home  
516 S. Oak Street  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126  
(641) 648-7700

## Service

MAR 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lavern Rieks.* ”



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March 10, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lavern Rieks.* ”



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March 10, 2023 at 10:26 AM