



Martin H. DeBower

June 22, 1932 - February 24, 2016

Martin Howard DeBower, 83, of Bristow, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at Westbrook Acres Care Center in Gladbrook, Iowa. He was born on June 22, 1932, in rural Butler County, Iowa, to Martin Christian and Frieda (Heuer) DeBower. Martin attended rural country school at Walnut Grove Westpoint Number 5 and graduated from Allison High School in 1950. He was married to Marcella Ann Groote on April 2, 1965, at Lincoln Center Christian Reformed Church in rural Dike, Iowa. Martin served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1955, serving as a shipping clerk in a transportation company in Bordeaux, France. His farming career included a dairy and beef operation. He also worked as an AI technician for ABS. Martin was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Vilmar. Passionate about reading, Martin also enjoyed farming, showing cattle, raising exotic poultry, hunting, trapping, fishing, gardening, collecting books for his extensive personal library, visiting with friends and relatives, spending time with family and was an avid baseball fan. Martin loved telling stories and remembered EVERYTHING back to his early childhood days. Martin is survived by his daughter Dianna and husband Steve Peterson of Mason City, daughter Angela and husband Jeffrey Jacobs of Traer, grandchildren Justin Jacobs, Kyle Peterson, Jessica Jacobs, Luke Martin Peterson and Jamie Jacobs, great-granddaughter Hallie Ann Jacobs, sister Eileen Berends of Shell Rock, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Martin and Frieda, wife Marcella, brother

John and Leona DeBower, sister Lucille and Clarence F. Prange, sister Bernice and George Seehusen and brother-in-law Leonard Berends. Burial will take place in the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery - Vilmar, rural Greene.

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin H. DeBower



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - February 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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