



Merlin "Ted" Janes

December 14, 1932 - September 25, 2020

Merlin "Ted" Janes, 87, of Alden, passed away Friday, September 25, 2020 at his home. A private family viewing will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at the Woodley Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest at the Alden Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Ted and his family.

Merlin "Ted" Dean Janes was born December 14, 1932 to Dutch and Anna (Naber) Janes. He attended country schools and worked on the family farm. Ted honorably served in the United States Army from 1954-1955. On December 24, 1953, Ted was united in marriage to Jeannie Swift at the Methodist Church in Webster City, Iowa. To this union seven children were born.

Ted farmed all his life and was an accomplished horseman, this included breeding quarter horses and raising and training ponies. In his later years he enjoyed teaching all he knew about farming and spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

Ted Janes is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jeannie Janes of Alden, Iowa; children, Debb (Randy) Fontanini of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, Lindell (Meshell) Janes of Radcliffe, Iowa, Dwight Janes of Radcliffe, Iowa, Kyle (Kari) Janes of Alden, Iowa, Kirk (Teri) Janes of Altoona, Iowa, Shelaine Bumgarner of

Cambridge, Iowa, Todd Janes of Buckeye, Iowa; grandchildren: Drew (Jana) Lewis, Jason (Miranda) Lewis, Mia Fontanini, Amber (Chuck) Funaro, Lindsey (Tom) Gorzelanny, Brittany (Josh) Benson, Landon Janes, Leeza (Trenton) Klocke, Dylan Janes, Shanea Janes, Logan (fiancé Alicia Wessels) Janes, Lexa (Parker) Krause, Harli (Josh) Hoover, Rana Janes, McKinsey (fiancé Pierre Jones) Nessa, Mercades (Brennan) Santone, Toriana (Coy) Baker, Treyton Bumgarner, Gabe Janes, Darby Janes, Mabel Janes, Grayson Janes, Rhen Janes and sixteen great-grandchildren; sister, Ilene “Butch” (Dwayne) Draper; brother in-law, Don Tjarks and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ollie and Anna Janes; sisters, Margie Tjarks, Ruth Silvest; brother, Melvin Janes and brother in-law, Raymond Silvest.

Cemetery Details

Alden Cemetery

Alden, IA 50006

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Merlin "Ted" Janes.*



September 28, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merlin "Ted" Janes.*



September 28, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merlin "Ted" Janes.*



September 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Merlin "Ted" Janes.*



September 27, 2020 at 10:41 PM