



## Raymond DeVries

February 27, 1929 - September 29, 2021

Funeral Services for Raymond DeVries, 92, of Greene, will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene with Pastor Daniel Flucke officiating. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene with full Military Honors conducted by Tack Barnet Post 268 American Legion of Greene. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Raymond was born on February 27, 1929 near Kesley, Butler County, the son of Carl and Stella (Hovenga) DeVries and passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at the Valley View Care Center in Greene. He received his education in the public schools of Aplington and Parkersburg and farmed with his father.

He enlisted in the United States Army on March 5, 1951 in Des Moines, Iowa. He served in the Korean War and was honorably discharged on Feb 28, 1953.

Along with farming SW of Greene he worked at the "Oliver and White Equipment" in Charles City where he worked for 29 years until his retirement in 1992. Raymond worked for Austin Auto in Greene for six years and was Mayor of Greene for six years.

Raymond was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene where he enjoyed serving on the Church Council and was President of the

Congregation for two terms.

Ray loved to farm and enjoyed country music and treasured his Martin Guitar that he learned to play at the age of 16. Ray also played the drums, accordion, and steel guitar. He liked cars, traveling and golf (that he took up later in life.) He loved spending time with his family. Ray was a man that believed that your life should model what you believe.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Emma, Greene; his four children Randy (Anne) DeVries, Greene; Doreen Towsley Cook, Sebrings, FL; Lynn (Jean) Towsley, Greene; Brent Towsley (Ginney), Greene; Grandchildren, Katie (Ben) Hassman, Jennifer (Cole Neved) DeVries, Charles (Mallory) DeVries, Bryon (Caryl) DeVries, Eric (Carrie) Cunningham, Timothy Cunningham, , Levi (Sarah) Towsley, Amy (Shane) Testroet, Sara (John) Kirschbaum, Megan (Scott) Marsden, Mareah (Austin) VanZante, Emily (Keith) Degan, Samantha Sullivan, Great Grandchildren: June Hassman, Adrian Hassman, Matilda DeVries, Raymond DeVries, Hallie (Trae) Ulrich, Dallas Testroet, Dawson Testroet, Alysa Towsley (Ryan), Clayton Towsley, Emma Towsley, AirAnna Kennedy, Cassie Kennedy, Emily Skiye, Noah VanZante, Emma Marsden, Nora Marsden; great-great grandchildren: Brantley Grimm, Rowan Ulrich, Olivia Maxine Geise; two sisters, Shirley Wanner, Dumont; Patricia (Lloyd) Grandon, Dike; Nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, and his first wife Janice Martzahn DeVries, son-in-law Gerald (Jerry) Cook, brother-in-laws Phil Wanner, Richard Froning.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may direct memorials to the American Legion, 10068 Sandhill Road, Greene, Iowa 50636.