



Roger C. Obrecht

July 31, 1935 - July 18, 2024

Roger Claire Obrecht formerly of Thornton and most recently of the Mason City area passed away Thursday July 18, 2024 at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City, Iowa. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, Thornton is caring for Roger and his family. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 22, 2024, at Richland Lutheran Church, Thornton with Pastor Caleb Helmen presiding. Interment will be at Pleasant View Cemetery, Thornton. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

Roger was born July 31, 1935, on a farm in Franklin County, Iowa, the third child of Floyd and Effie Obrecht. Roger was born 12 years after Thayne and 19 years after Vivian.

Roger was confirmed in the Danish Lutheran Church and later he and his parents joined the Richland Lutheran Church. After his marriage, he joined St. John's Episcopal Church in Mason City.

As a young boy Roger had chores to do on the farm. One of the many chores was to shell ear corn by hand for the chickens until a mechanical sheller was acquired.

Roger attended Thornton Consolidated High School and graduated in 1953. While in school he participated in basketball and baseball. After graduation

Roger joined his father and brother farming in Franklin County. He later joined the military and served in the Army. After serving in the military Roger returned home to the farm where hogs, cattle, chickens and crops were raised.

Roger was united in marriage to Leah Krauth in 1984 and moved to the Mason City area where he and Leah raised dogs. They spent much time traveling and tending to the acreage where he enjoyed inventing things. He could see a problem and come up with a solution to solve it. For example, he connected 2 lawnmowers together so mowing the acreage took less time. He took pride in ownership of the family farm and was actively involved in its operation. Roger was always helping others and helped care for the outside property at the church where he was a member. The pastor there said the members called him "Saint Roger." He was always there to support his neighbors. After retirement Roger spent many hours visiting friends in nursing homes and assisted living facilities which he truly enjoyed. He loved going out to eat at local restaurants with friends in the evening and was frequently their taxi.

Roger had many great nephews and nieces so he was frequently attending weddings, graduations and family holiday dinners. He loved serving and helping others and for many years he volunteered at the Community Kitchen by cooking and transporting supplies. He served as Treasurer of Richland Lutheran Church for 25 years and attended the morning coffee group at the Thornton Elevator for many years. Higher education was important to him and he was generous to help provide financial support for his great niece's and nephew's educational costs.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Leah in 2005; parents, Floyd and Effie; brother and sister-in-law, Thayne and Opal; sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Joe; and niece, Colleen and many friends.

Left to mourn are his nieces and nephew: Audrene Hansen, Maureen Modderman, Jacqueline (Gary) Dirks, Martha Statlander; Mary (Paul) Schlichting; and Jeff Obrecht (Becky Parrish); 60 great nieces and nephews; step son, Dan Krauth; and step granddaughter; Mary (Brian) DeZiel and their children.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

130th St
Thornton, IA 50479

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Richland Lutheran Church
300 Elm St
Thornton, IA 50479-7711
(952) 607-1293

Funeral service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Richland Lutheran Church
Thornton, IA 50479

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Merlin Floy Children purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Roger C. Obrecht.



Merlin Floy Children - July 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM

GD

“ Gregory & Joyce Griffith, Gladys deBuhr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger C. Obrecht.

Gregory & Joyce Griffith, Gladys deBuhr - July 20, 2024 at 10:27 AM

GD

“ Gregory & Joyce Griffith, Gladys deBuhr purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger C. Obrecht.



Gregory & Joyce Griffith, Gladys deBuhr - July 20, 2024 at 10:27 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger C. Obrecht.



July 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

JF

“ Judy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger C. Obrecht.

Judy F. - July 20, 2024 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Adel Makar purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roger C. Obrecht.



Adel Makar - July 19, 2024 at 01:06 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all those that enjoyed the time with Uncle Roger, he has meant so much to our children and little ones , even MAX LIKED WHEN ROGET CAME TO OUR HOUSE .

mary schlichting - July 18, 2024 at 09:35 PM

DH

Sending my condolences to you and your family 🙏🙏🙏 I remember Roger as a warm-hearted gentle soul with a smile on his face. May he rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏 Sending you comfort and prayers from Switzerland, Debi Hansen(#4 from Ross & Rema) ❤️❤️❤️

Debi Hansen - July 19, 2024 at 05:04 AM

AH

Uncle Roger will never be forgotten as he did so much for family and friends. I can remember Roger driving me and girl friend to resort in Wisconsin so we could work there during the summer of my College years on 1963! Then when he was single he would always appear at our home and take our son to the ice show at Vets over Thanksgiving. I can remember the trip to Brian's for Tonya's party - we drove around for nearly an hour and finally I heard this voice, " maybe we should go back to the motel and get directions"! We had been driving around Brian's house. So many memories. Roger was always there whenever you needed help. There is no one like him. He did so much for our family, no matter of the age of the family member. He will be so missed.

Audrene Hansen - July 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

PR

I loved him so very much, we became the greatest of lose friends. God Bless Roger

Pamela Raymond - July 19, 2024 at 10:11 PM

LB

I only recently met and enjoyed conversation with Roger through my attendance at St. John's Episcopal Church. I have attempted to make occasional contact, most recently enjoying his company during his evening meal at Good Shepherd in June. In recent years he enjoyed sharing memories, but in June he simply listened and smiled. I will remember his smile and his lovely voice and stories of his farm, family and service to St. John's.

Thank you to all who loved and cared for Roger,

Laura Bernemann

Laura Bernemann - July 25, 2024 at 11:17 AM