

## *Ray "Rakie" McDonald*

April 30, 1928 - December 4, 2015

Resided in Waverly, IA

### **Obituary**

Ray "Rakie" Amos McDonald, 87, of Waverly, Iowa, and formerly from Janesville, died on Friday evening, December 4, 2015, at the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly from complications of congestive heart failure.

Ray was born on April 30, 1928, in Plainfield, Iowa, the son of Amos Eyestone and Rose (Dos) McDonald. He was baptized as an infant, and later confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Arlington. He attended grade school in Bremer and Arlington, and then Popejoy High School, graduating in 1946. While in high school, Ray worked for many different farmers and at Jack Spratt Grocery. He then worked for the family business, Janesville Lumber until it closed.

Finally, he worked for Bowles Trucking Service until retiring in 1985.

On October 17, 1948, Ray was united in marriage to Dorothy Schmidt at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. On January 9, 1952, Ray was inducted into the United States Marine Corps and was stationed in Oceanside, California. Ray was released from active duty on January 4, 1954, but continued his service with the 9th Marine Corps Reserve & Recruitment District until his discharge on January 8, 1960.

Ray was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly, Janesville Lions Club, American Legion, Masons, and a former member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Janesville, where he was on church council. Ray also served on the Janesville City Council and was on the Janesville Volunteer Fire Dept. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, golfing, and playing cards. Ray loved spending time with his family and friends.

Ray is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Becky (Darwin) Uhlenhopp of Waverly; grandson, Brenton Uhlenhopp (Leann Bachelder) of Wes Des Moines; granddaughter, Stephanie, (Justin) Higgins of Iowa City; two grand-dogs, Harley and Bonham. Ray is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Morris McDonald; and a sister, Geraldine Moeller.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly, with Pastor Paul Schaedig officiating. Burial will be held in Harlington Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion Post #522 of Janesville. Public visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 8th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly, where there will be a Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation also for an hour prior to services Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be directed to Waverly Area Veterans Post, Honor Flight or Cedar Valley Hospice. Online remembrances for Ray's family may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com). Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

## Guestbook



[Marilynn and Bruce Buxton](#)  
Created: December 12, 2015

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Becky, Darwin, Brent, Stephanie and family members, we didn't know Ray, but want you to know we are keeping your family in our prayers. I lost my dad in 1968, just before Christmas also. It's difficult during the holidays, but try to feel his presence in your times together and see him in Becky, Brent, and Stephanie's mannerisms, perhaps...he is forever with you.



[Tami Harris Grovo](#)  
Created: December 07, 2015

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So sorry to hear of your loss.



[Janet Liming](#)  
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As a child in Janesville, Ray is one of dad's friends whom I remember best. He was always so kind, and so funny. I best remember him from the lumber yard, as a volunteer fireman, and as a member of the Janesville town baseball team. Coincidentally, I have a photo on my desk at work of the Janesville firemen lined up in front of their trucks at the fire station, wearing the coats and holding their hats. Ray is in the center of that picture. I am happy that God gave him so many wonderful years here on earth.



[Polly Primus](#)  
Created: December 07, 2015

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Becky and family, May you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you now and the days to come. Praying for you.



[Matt and Marcia Campbell](#)  
Created: December 06, 2015

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Becky and family, our sympathies on the loss of your Dad. He sounds like a wonderful man. Thinking of you.



[Mark Schloemer](#)

Created: December 06, 2015

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Becky and family. So sorry for your loss, remember the good times and relish them.  
Mark&Jean



[Nancy & Dave](#)

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dorothy, Becky and family. May your memories carry you through this time



[Deb Strauser](#)

Created: December 06, 2015

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Dorothy ,Becky,Darwin,and family I can't express how sorry I am for your loss of a great husband , father and grandfather. I always looked forward to seeing Ray he always made me laugh! can only imagine all of your great memories you all have to cherish with you through your lives. Knowing myself how hard it is to lose someone very dear to you especially now around the holidays . Share and share again to each other all the memories and embrace Gods love through prayer and take comfort from others God bless all of you! With deepest sympathy, Deb Strauser and family.

## Photos

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## Services

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## Funeral Home

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### **Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215  
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

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## Visitation


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### **Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly**

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 Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

 Masonic Service at 7:00 p.m. on  
Tuesday

## Service

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### **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

2001 West Bremer Avenue  
Waverly, IA US

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 Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
11:00 AM

## Cemetery

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### **Harlington Cemetery**

1001 1st Street S.W.  
Waverly, IA US 50677

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