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Donald C. Rader

Donald C. Rader, of Sumner, died Sunday, October 1, 2017, at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 5, 2017, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner with Rev. Don Komboh celebrating the Mass. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery with Military Rites recited by Thomas E. Woods Post #223, American Legion of Sumner. Visitation will be held at Becker-Milnes Funeral Home from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 4th, and for one hour preceding services at the church on Thursday. A Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home on Wednesday. Memorials may be made in his name to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner.

Donald Cornelious, son of Edmund and Florence (Ludwig) Rader was born June 10, 1927, in Sumner. He was baptized and confirmed at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner. Don received his education in the rural country schools of Sumner. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1951, and served during the Korean conflict until being honorably discharged in 1954. During his service, Don was stationed in Japan. On April 12, 1955, he was united in marriage with Pauline Seehase at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. To this union five children were born, Diane, Donna, Elaine, Mark, and Gary. The couple farmed in the Sumner area for many years. Along with crop farming they also milked cows. In 1994, Don sold their cows but remained on the farm until moving to the Hillcrest Home in December of 2011. He was a life long member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner. Don enjoyed playing cards, attending neighborhood card clubs where they would play 500 and Schafkopf, he had an ability to fix anything (specifically clocks, he built a grandfather's clock), and loved being outside working on things.

Don is survived by his wife, Pauline of Sumner; five children, Diane (Todd) Gilliland of Marion, Donna (Roger) Laabs of Sumner, Elaine (Gordon) Davis of Sumner, Mark Rader of Floyd, and Gary (Kristi) Rader of Sumner; twenty-three grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Kay Winter of Iowa City, Corrinne Meyer of Sumner, and Flora (Ronald) Hogue of Missouri; and one sister-in-law, Millie Rader of Sumner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Verlynn Rader; and one brother-in-law, Milton "Shorty" Meyer.

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Ellen and Butch Stepp on **October 4, 2017** at 11:33 AM said:

Pauline and family,
So sorry for your loss. While we did not visit much with Donald, we always enjoyed your smile and stories about your life and adventures on the farm when visiting Janet and her friends and neighbors! :)
I hope, as your family gathers together now, you will share and remember good times and just the simple pleasures of

your everyday life together.
Grant Him Eternal Rest Oh Lord,
And Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.
May His Soul, and All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
Rest In Peace. Amen

Sue (Frisch) Fellenzer on **October 4, 2017** at 11:33 AM said:

To both the Rader and Winter Family: So very sorry to read of your loss... my thoughts are with all of you.
My Best to you...
Sincerely,
Sue Fellenzer
Bella Vista, AR

Judy Myers on **October 3, 2017** at 8:10 PM said:

My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Sorry for your loss.

Brent Meyer on **October 3, 2017** at 11:59 AM said:

I wanted to share my sympathies to Pauline and the entire Rader family. Donald and Pauline were my caregivers when I was four and five years old, just a little older than my youngest (3) and a little younger than my oldest (6) boys are right now. In addition to a plentiful supply of bananas and an endless supply of patience, I will always remember riding in Donald's cab tractor as he would work in the fields around his farm. Donald and Pauline also made a significant impression on me that carries forward to this day. As a grown-up, whenever I think about statements about respecting diversity of faiths and "other ways to pray," I think of the new experience I had as a preschooler in the Rader home and learned about the family's deep Catholic faith and the values of friendship and family they shared with their neighbors on Viking Avenue.

In loving kindness,

Brent Meyer

Mike & Linda McDaniel on **October 3, 2017** at 7:57 AM said:

Our sincere condolences and sympathy to the Rader family. We will keep you in our prayers.

Terri Amos on **October 2, 2017** at 9:16 PM said:

I will miss taking care of your dad. Sending my prayers.

Judy Zupke on **October 2, 2017** at 5:59 PM said:

I am very sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers to the family !

Janet Copp on **October 2, 2017** at 5:22 PM said:

My deepest sympathy to the Rader family. Heaven gained another great man.

Nancy (Teeling) Pierson on **October 2, 2017** at 1:34 PM said:

My sympathies to my classmate, Donna, and to all of the Rader family at this difficult time. God Bless You.

David and Jeanne Roder on **October 2, 2017** at 1:18 PM said:

All our thoughts and prayers to the Rader family. May the memories of your loved one be in your thoughts at this time. Sorry for your loss. David and Jeanne Roder

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Marlene Short on **October 2, 2017** at 1:17 PM said:

To the Rader family, so sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences from MARLENE and Jennifer Short.

Diane Zabel on **October 2, 2017** at 12:51 PM said:

We extend our deepest sympathy to Pauline and entire family. I remember Donald from church every Sunday, when I was growing up. I enjoyed my visits on the farm with Elaine. Our prayers and thoughts and are with you all.

Larry and Marsha Kasemeier on **October 2, 2017** at 11:23 AM said:

Pauline and family:

You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. The statement about "fixing anything" was so appropriate.

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