



Eldon Eugene Kratchmer

March 22, 1930 - March 6, 2019

Born in rural Shell Rock

Resided in rural Waverly, Iowa

Obituary

Eldon Eugene Kratchmer, 88, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away on March 6, 2019, at his home with Sheba by his side.

Eldon was born on March 22, 1930, on the family farm in Butler County, Iowa, the son of Martin L. and Edna P. (Wright) Kratchmer. Eldon was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Waverly, Iowa. He attended country school at Butler #9 rural Clarksville, Iowa, and graduated in 1948 from the Waverly High School. Following his schooling he helped his parents on the farm and on January 7, 1952, he entered the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. In June of 1952, he was wounded while serving with the 176th Armored Artillery and received the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged on October 7, 1953 and returned to Waverly where he went to work for Carnation Dairy and also continued to farm. On March 20, 1955, Eldon was united in marriage to Joan I. Juhl at the United Methodist Church in Nashua. To this union two children were born, Keith and Kelly. The couple later divorced in 1988. Eldon farmed his entire working life and also worked at Standard Oil as a Route Salesman and was an insurance agent for 30 years with Danish Mutual Insurance Company, retiring in 2006.

Eldon was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly. He was a lifetime member of the Amvets Post #79 and Farm Bureau. He had a very strong, independent German personality, and was extremely hardworking. He loved being outside and on his John Deere tractor. He took great pride in mowing his large lawn last summer, and rode in the combine while harvesting crops on his farm last fall. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, and woodworking, but most of all, spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

Eldon is survived by his son, Keith E. (Rachel) Kratchmer of Clarksville, Iowa; his daughter, Kelly J. (Greg) Meyer of Sumner, Iowa; three grandchildren, Jordan (Cody) Brown, Jared (Emily) Skillen, and Jessica Skillen; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Margaret Kratchmer of Spooner, Wisconsin; and his canine German Shepherd companion, Sheba. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edna in 1975 and Martin in 1984; brother, Merlin; and sister, Donna (Harold) Willson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, with Pastor Carolyn Bowers officiating. Burial will follow in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly, with military graveside rites conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Group Honor Guard. Public visitation will

be held on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and also for an hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Memorials may be directed to the family for later designation. Online condolences for Eldon's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Gary and Carolyn Kielman
Created : Apr 26, 2019

Sorry this is so late-we were out of town-always enjoyed Eldon and he always asked about mom..He was a man on the move! Take care and God Bless..Gary and Carolyn Kielman



Michael Kukral
Created : Mar 08, 2019

My deepest sympathy, Keith and Kelly, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Good memories with your dad.



Scott and Kathy Fish
Created : Mar 08, 2019

Kelly, Jared and family, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Hugs to you.



Leeann
Created : Mar 08, 2019

Hi, this is leeann, Craig's kid. Craig is Magritte's youngest boy and we are very sorry for your loss, grandma(Micky) is very sorry too!



John Velky
Created : Mar 08, 2019

My thoughts and prayers to you all during this difficult time! I am so sorry for your loss Keith & Kelly! Hang in there!



Mike and Laure Meyer
Created : Mar 07, 2019

So sorry for your loss. Praying for strength for you during this difficult time.



Pat Kratchmer. Herriges
Created : Mar 07, 2019

So sorry for your loss. Keith and Kelly my thoughts and prayers are with uou

Tim and Renee Neil



Created : Mar 07, 2019

So very sorry for your loss



Aunt KC and Uncle Don
Created : Mar 07, 2019

Jordan, so very sorry for the loss if your Grandpa.



Ronald Zelle
Created : Mar 07, 2019

Sorry for your loss.

Photos



Services

Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

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



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Friday, March 8, 2019
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Funeral

Trinity United Methodist Church

1400 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA US 50677



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Saturday, March 9, 2019
10:30 AM

Burial

Harlington Cemetery

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



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