



Ambrose Schwarzkopf

December 20, 1922 - June 15, 2012

Ambrose Schwarzkopf, age 89 of Breda, died Friday, June 15, 2012, at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The Celebrant will be Fr. Clair Boes. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Joe Dillinger. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling, soloist Lori Miller and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Bob Schwarzkopf. Gift Bearers will be Brett Schwarzkopf, Matt Schwarzkopf, Rex Mahoney and Luke Mahoney. Eucharistic Ministers will be: Bill Coulter, Madonna Boeckman, and Joan Heiman. Casket Bearers will be: Dan Reis, Don Gerken, Clair Snyder, Roger Ludwig, Dick Steinkamp, and Tom Wittry. Burial will be at St. Bernard's Cemetery in Breda with military honors conducted by the Breda American Legion.

Friends may call at St. Bernard's Church in Breda after 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. Memorials may be left at the church for the St. Anthony Foundation.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda and online condolences may be left for A.J.'s family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on December 20, 1922, at Wall Lake, Iowa, Ambrose Joseph was the son of Philip and Anna (Wenzel) Schwarzkopf. He spent his childhood on the family farm near Wall Lake and attended St. Bernard's School in Breda, graduating with the Class of 1940. Following his formal education A.J. served

in the United States Navy and after his honorable discharge returned to the Wall Lake area. On November 4, 1946, he married Ruth Vonnahme at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Mt. Carmel. A.J. and Ruth made their home west of Breda where he was a grain and livestock farmer and also spent much of his working career as a cattle order buyer. In the spring of 1989 they moved off the farm and built a new home in Breda. A.J. and Ruth enjoyed their winters in Sun City West, Arizona. He loved his family (especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren) and also enjoyed golfing and playing cards. In December of 2011, as his health began to fail, he became a resident of St. Anthony Nursing Home where he died on Friday, June 15, 2012, at the age of 89. A.J. was a member of the Breda American Legion and St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Ruth Schwarzkopf of Breda; his children: Bob (Mikki) Schwarzkopf of Jefferson, Peggy (Jim) Threadgill of Parker, TX, Joan (Reeves) Mahoney of Norfolk, VA, Tom (Pat) Schwarzkopf of Breda, Deb (Bill) Coulter of Omaha, NE, and Lori (Marc) Miller of Seattle, WA; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lucy Brooks of Chicago, IL; one brother, Philip "Chick" (Betty) Schwarzkopf of Adel; his sisters-in-law: Angie Schwarzkopf of Carroll, Catherine Schwarzkopf of Milwaukee, WI, and Joan Heiman of Jefferson; as well as other extended relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Leonilla and Rita Schwarzkopf; and his brothers: Bernard, Joseph, Gene and Ed Schwarzkopf.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Joan and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dad. I really didn't know your Dad when we were in High School except as Mr. Schwarzkopf. However, during one of my plane trips from Omaha to Kansas City, he happened to be seated next to me. After we exchanged brief hellos, he began to question me and it seemed he knew quite a bit about me. He finally disclosed how he knew me and we laughed about the small world in which we lived. He was a very nice man and I'm sure, a wonderful father. The world will feel the loss. May your memories fill the void his passing has left. Always, Mary Lou

Mary Lou Kennebeck Hart - June 21, 2012 at 12:49 PM

CE

“ Deb, Bill and family, Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family for the loss of your father.

Cndy & Paul Edmunds - June 20, 2012 at 08:54 AM

BB

“ Tom and family,
We are so sorry, to hear of the loss of your father.
It's hard to know just what to say, there are no words that can truly comfort you. I hope the memories of his laughter and love you shared will bring you peace now and always.
Jen, tells me that her grandfather lived a good life.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family.
The Brockway family

Betty Brockway - June 19, 2012 at 11:37 AM

JP

“ *Ruth & family: Thinking of you and remembering AJ as an amazing person. We could not have asked for better "backyard neighbors".*

Judy & Bill Peoples - June 19, 2012 at 10:29 AM

SW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Only meeting your dad in person a couple of times, it really felt like we had known him for years. Just in the few meetings it was so very clear to us how proud he was of you Deb and all of his children. It is so beautiful to know that he is now with the dear Lord and is at peace with him. May his memories fill your hearts with joy for the upcoming days as I know that is what he would want for all of you. God Bless!*

Scott, Deb, Jaclyn, Joe, John & Jordyn Wieczorek - June 19, 2012 at 09:56 AM

ZM

“ *Peggy,
Please let your Mother and family know we are sorry for their loss.
Our prayers are with all of you at this time.
Fondly,
Z and Jane*

Z and Jane Marshall - June 19, 2012 at 09:22 AM

LA

“ *Deb,Bill & Family
So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.
Lisa, Wayne, Lindsey & Erica Anderson*

Lisa & Wayne Anderson - June 18, 2012 at 10:33 PM

GO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Gary and Patti Obermeyer - June 18, 2012 at 11:02 AM

LB

“ Dear Ruth and family, I am so very glad I got to know A.J. when he would come into Gene Vincent's office in Carroll. Such a nice man! I now work at Carroll Cycle Center for almost 10 yrs now. Please accept my sympathy.

Linda Bluml - June 16, 2012 at 10:54 PM

SE

“ A.J. & Ruth have always been role models for all who know them. We will always remember all the good times we've shared... visits to Breda, his corn & pork loin dinners, New Year's Eve & Western old movies, shared laughter & tears, & knowing the love of dear friends will never be forgotten. Blessings to Ruth & all the family, Sharon & John

Sharon & John Eggebrecht - June 16, 2012 at 07:22 PM

EA

“ AJ and I go back a long ways! We were once competitors and later turned into best friends. Our years in AZ were great. Prayers to Ruth and family. Your Friends Ed & Jinx Amdor

Ed & Jinx Amdor - June 16, 2012 at 12:51 PM