



Earl Kramer

September 20, 1932 - January 9, 2016

Earl Kramer, age 83, of Carroll, died early Saturday morning, January 9, 2016 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Brian Feller. Mass Servers will be Tanner and Tyler Naughton. Music will be by Kate Cuddy and the St. Lawrence Choir. Gift Bearers will be Earl's granddaughters: Stacey Naughton, Kelsie Sturm, and Hilaeri Kramer. Eucharistic Ministers will be Lynette Lehrter, Lorraine Danner, and Ann Christiansen. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Earl's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Casket Bearers will be Earl's grandsons: Jerome Meiers, Chris Kramer, Kamden Kramer, Jeromie Kramer, Joseph Kramer, Michael Kelly, Alexander Kramer, and greeted by his grandson angel, Justin Kramer. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Tuesday where there will be a Rosary prayed at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday where visitation will resume until the time of the funeral mass.

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

Born on September 20, 1932 at Carroll, Iowa, Earl Charles was the son of Nicholas and Mary (Heller) Kramer. He grew up in Carroll County. After his education Earl farmed with his father. On September 17, 1955 Earl was united in marriage to Dorothy Lehrter at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll.

The couple began their married life on Earl's family farm north of Coon Rapids where the couple was engaged in grain, livestock, and dairy farming. They then moved to a farm near Scranton where Earl farmed and worked at American Athletic in Jefferson. In 1963 the family moved to Carroll where he attended schooling for appliance repair. After his training he worked as an Appliance Repair Technician for Gambles Hardware Store. After the store closed, Earl worked for the Carroll Co-Op. In 1972 Earl purchased the current family farm near Willey where he resumed his farming operation until 1989, when he and Dorothy started Kramer's Used Store.

Earl enjoyed playing cards, trapping, fishing, antiques, animals, and his trips to the casino. Most of all Earl enjoyed the time he spent with his family and friends. Earl was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll.

Left to celebrate Earl's life is his wife of 60 years, Dorothy of Carroll; children: Deb (Roger) Julich of Carroll, Steve (Linda) Kramer of Boone, Doug (Diane) Kramer of Lake Park, Jim (Terri) Kramer of Carroll, Scott (special friend Sindy) Kramer of Ft. Collins, CO, Bev (Scott) Kelly of Carroll, and Craig (Shari) Kramer of Silverlake, WA; 22 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law: Al (Lynette) Lehrter of Carroll, Francis Owen of Carroll, Mary Lehrter of Carroll, JoAnn Peterson of Manning, Stella Mohr of Carroll, Shirley Miller of Carroll, and Clair Lehrter of Rockwell City; as well as

many nieces, nephews and other extended relatives.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law: Henry and Clara Lehrter; a grandson Justin Kramer; a great-granddaughter Claire Kramer; his siblings: Helen (Leo) Roth, Imelda (Erwin) Roth, John (Jeanette) Kramer, Norbert Kramer, and Sylvan Kramer in infancy; Earl was also preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law: Leona (Ed) Daisy, Henry Lehrter, Jr., Lucille Butler, Richard Lehrter in infancy, Louis Owen, Ivan Peterson, Dale Mohr, and Mick Miller.

Tribute Wall

WN

“ *Kramer family: We are thinking of you as you face the days ahead. Earl was such a friendly, sincere man. He will be missed. Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll*

Wes & CJ Niles - January 13, 2016 at 08:41 PM

TW

“ *Tracy Wiebelhaus sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl Kramer*



Tracy Wiebelhaus - January 11, 2016 at 01:44 AM

TW

Sending prayers to, you guys. I know Kamden and Kelsie have been thru a lot the last few months Here is a hug for you guys since I can't be there personally

Tracy Wiebelhaus - January 11, 2016 at 01:49 AM

ML

“ *I knew for Earl many years . He made the world a better place .*

Michael Leahy

michael leahy - January 10, 2016 at 07:55 PM

BW

“ *I did not know Earl but I do know Joel and my thoughts and prayers go out to everyone effected by the passing of this man.*

There is no greater testament to human life than being loved by friends and family.

-Benjamin Wadle

Ben Wadle - January 10, 2016 at 06:51 PM

BW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of you.*



Bill and Jennifer Wiederien - January 10, 2016 at 06:45 PM

DO

“ *Donna lit a candle in memory of Earl Kramer*



Donna - January 10, 2016 at 06:25 PM

LK

“ My deepest sympathy to Aunt Dorothy and each one of my cousins. I always enjoyed visiting with Uncle Earl, especially when he would stop out at Quandt's to refill the oxygen or acetylene tanks. We would shoot the bull and make everything right with the world--lol He will be deeply missed by everyone--I will cherish my memories of the times I had to enjoy his company.



Lori J. Kooima

Lori Kooima - January 10, 2016 at 05:52 PM

RD

“ I have so many fond memories of dorthy and earl farming in the summers with them going to bingo with them dorthy and earl were very special to me as I was growing up he will be greatly missed

ray daisy - January 10, 2016 at 05:33 PM

WT

“ From Walt and Rose Thomas our condolences to the family

Walt and Rose Thomad - January 09, 2016 at 05:55 PM