

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

LORD'S DAY 1

Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A 1. That I am not my own
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

1. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3. he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
4. Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
5. You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6. Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.



Francis Leloux was born on June 25, 1929, in Lester, IA, son of Cornelius (Case) and Wilhemina (Mailand) Leloux. They lived on a farm southwest of Alvard, IA, and were members of the Reformed Church in Lester. He attended school in Alvard through the 8th grade. Francis worked for various farmers in the area; purchased a baler and also did some custom baling. He also worked for Van Abbema's Machine Shop. The family later moved to town in Alvard.

Francis met the love of his life on July 3, 1949, when he came to Rock Valley, IA, in a 1938 coupe. Francis and Bertha (Bakker) were engaged on February 27, 1951, and were married on December 17, 1951, while Francis was home on furlough. Francis served in the US army from July 1951 until July of 1953. They established their home on 15th Street in Rock Valley where they raised a family of 5 sons and 2 daughters. In October of 2020 they made their home at Whispering Heights. Francis was a member of the Reformed Church in Lester and later became a member of First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley. He started his work career in Rock Valley at Van Zee's Ready Mix and then worked for the City of Rock Valley for 37 years. He sharpened many disc blades for extra cash and us kids loved it when Dad would bring the creme horns from the Bakery as a treat when he came home! Upon retirement Dad enjoyed mowing the lawn and gardening. He enjoyed helping his children in any way that he could. He loved "joyriding" whether it was in the S-10 pick-up or his wheelchair! He was a very patient and kind Father and a great role model. Francis passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 93.

Those left to cherish his memory are his 7 children: Alvin (Sue) Leloux, Joyce (Lyle) Van Engen, Loren (Milinda) Leloux, Ron (Darletta) Leloux, Gene (Carla) Leloux, Barb (Darwin) Vink, and Evan (Rhonda) Leloux; 22 grandchildren: Jay (Sheila), Lisa (Kelly), Tricia (Kyle), Gretchen (Adam) Dawn (Brad), Darci (Curtis), Marcus (Megan), Kyle (Cindy), Shanna, Michael (Michelle), Keith (Jacque), Lucas (Millie), Jessica (Rob), Kalsie (Dustin), Alicia (Preston), Emileann (Cody), Jonathan (Brooke), Ryan (Kelli), Keisha, Jarod, Jacob (Mary Kate), and Davis; 46 great grandchildren; brother, Jim (Shirley) Leloux; sister-in-law, Mary Lee Leloux; and many nieces and nephews.

Francis was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha; parents, Case & Wilhemina Leloux; sisters, Rika Van Den Top and Tina Moser; brothers; Henry (Heinie) Leloux, Richard Leloux and an infant brother, Franciscus Leloux; brothers-in-law, George Van Den Top and Louis Moser; and sister-in-law Grazella Leloux.

In Loving Memory
Francis John Leloux

June 25, 1929 ~ January 3, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Monday, January 9, 2023
First Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Matthew Haan

ORGANIST

Deanna Faber

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Jarod Leloux

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Blessed Assurance"
"How Great Thou Art"
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"
"Victory In Jesus"

PALLBEARERS

Jay Leloux ~ Michael Van Engen
Marcus Leloux ~ Kyle Leloux
Lucas Leloux ~ Jonathan Leloux

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Francis' family invites everyone for a meal of Dad's favorite food in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.