

John L. Den Boer, age 94, passed away on Friday, November 24, 2023, at the Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley, Iowa. A beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather, John was born near Rock Valley to Luke and Hilda (De Haan) Den Boer on September 4, 1929. He married Margaret Mulder on September 20, 1950, and together they raised four children. John and Margaret farmed near Rock Valley until 1959 when they moved to a farm near Rushmore, Minnesota, and then to one near Reading, Minnesota. After fifty years of marriage, Margaret passed away on December 27, 2000. John continued to farm alone until he married Minnie Kooiman on September 4, 2004, and soon retired. John and Minnie lived in Worthington, Minnesota, and then in Rock Valley, Iowa. Minnie passed away on March 2, 2018.

John was a hard worker in every possible sense. As a farmer, he prided himself on beating the sunup every morning and working until it set. After retiring, he volunteered at the Bibles for Mission Thrift Center, in Worthington, Minnesota, lifting, fixing, or doing whatever else might help the store run well. Once Minnie's health began to fail, John made it his calling to serve her needs with faithful, loving attention and care. John was an elder in the Worthington Christian Reformed Church and a board member for Southwest Minnesota Christian High School. He also served on a board for Dordt University.

John loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. In earlier years he gave the grandkids tractor rides and took them rock picking. He tamed farm kittens so they could play with them. Once snow fell, he would delight them by pulling them about on a sled behind his skid loader. In later years, when the grandkids were grown and his own mobility was less, the great grandkids delighted him. Whenever he saw "the littles," John's face would brighten.

John is survived by four children and their spouses, Lloyd and Audrey Den Boer of Edmonton, Alberta; Cheryl and Peter Mahaffy of Edmonton, Alberta; Kelvin and Nancy Den Boer of Underwood, Minnesota; and Kevin and Cheryl Den Boer of Rock Valley, Iowa. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Jo Mulder of Luverne, Minnesota. John survived all four of his siblings and their spouses.

Above all, John will be remembered as a kind and loving man who displayed his faith through his deep care for others. At the end, he left this present life as graciously as he lived it.

Remembering the Life of John Den Boer

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Thursday, November 30, 2023
Calvin Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. LeRoy G. Christoffels

PIANIST

Marlene Van Maanen

REMEMBRANCES

Daniel Den Boer

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"How Great Thou Art"

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

"Amazing Grace"

"The Doxology"

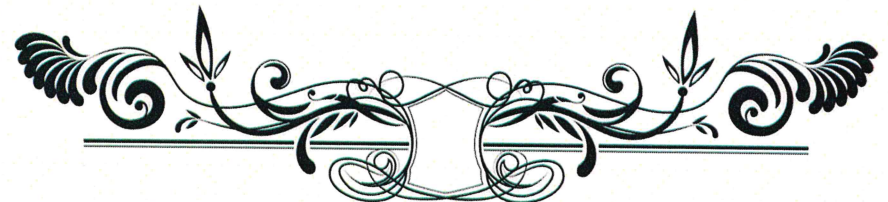
PALLBEARERS

Tyler Den Boer ~ Kristin Hengeveld ~ Jennifer Den Boer
John Den Boer ~ Sarah Den Boer ~ Margaret Vande Kraats
Daniel Den Boer ~ Naomi Mahaffy ~ Reuben Mahaffy

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*John's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship
in the church fellowship hall following the services.*



Tomorrow?

*Tomorrow is always the magical day,
Yet, Tomorrow's a day that may never come,
Tomorrow might only be hours away,
But there's no guarantee for anyone.*

*For there are no certainties along life's way,
Of happiness, friends, nor a life in good health,
You're nor assured of a single day,
No matter how great your power and wealth.*

*Today is the day to say softly, "I love you,"
And Today is the day to generously give.
Saying, "I'm sorry," may be the right thing to do,
Or whispering gently, "I forgive."*

*Tomorrow's sunrise you may never see,
So Today is the day that cannot wait,
This is the day to live vigorously,
Tomorrow may be...just one day too late.*

*Yes, Tomorrow may seem like the perfect day,
But Tomorrow's the day that might never come.
Tomorrow? The clock is ticking away,
For Tomorrow's not certain...for anyone.*

Howard E. Morseburg



Celebrating the Life of



John Den Boer

September 4, 1929 ~ November 24, 2023