

Celebrating the life of

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged, but has crossed over from death to life. Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.”

John 5:24-25

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18



Anthony Dekkers

January 25, 1935 ~ August 29, 2022





Anthony was born January 25, 1935 to John and Rose (Kooima) Dekkers. He attended country school through the eighth grade, then stayed home to help his Dad on the farm, later achieving his GED. He joined the Navy in 1956 where he trained as an airplane mechanic. During that time, he married Arlene De Jong from rural Ireton on September 25, 1957. He was honorably released from the Navy to inactive duty in 1958.

Anthony and Arlene were blessed with four children; Gaylene, whom the Lord called home at age 20; Janelle, who lives with her husband Kyle Kramer in San Clemente, CA; Arnold, whom the Lord called home at age 5; and Myron who lives with his wife Holly (Kooiker) and their four children, Edyn, Madeira, Troy, and Joel, north of Hawarden, IA. Arlene preceded her husband to heaven in January, 2004. Anthony and Arlene were wonderful witnesses of God's grace, peace, and joy. Their souls rested in the promise from Jesus that "His yoke is easy and His burden is light", and now that is fully realized.

Anthony enjoyed a lifelong career as a farmer - growing crops, raising cattle, and intuitively repairing and/or creatively modifying just about anything a farmer could need. He was especially happy when he could work alongside his Dad, his brother Warren, and for a time, with Myron as well. In his free time, Anthony could be found on his Harley, with Arlene often sitting behind him. His annual trek to Sturgis, SD with his buddy Ken Vander Plas was always a highlight. He also made many friends talking on his ham radio. Anthony especially treasured the time he spent with his four grandchildren, and they loved their Papa deeply.

Anthony lived on his acreage and farmed through 2012. From December, 2019 through April, 2022, he split his time living with Janelle and Kyle, and Myron and Holly. He spent the last four months of his life in Kosgrove and Crown Pointe care facilities, then moved one last time from the Sioux Center Health Hospital to eternally live with Jesus, his precious and personal Lord and Savior.

He gave much witness to his faith. A long-time member of the Hawarden Christian Reformed Church, Anthony served and worshiped with his church family. He had a great passion for worshipping with music and singing. For Anthony, to live was Christ and to die is gain. Maranatha, Amen!

Dear ones preceding Anthony into heaven were his parents; two sisters, Marlene Dekkers and Maxine Te Slaa; two children; and In-laws from both family branches. Left to cherish his memory are two of his children; four grandchildren; and brothers Warren (and Ruth), Marvin (and Jane), nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

In Loving Memory Of Anthony John Dekkers

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 4, 2022
Hawarden Christian Reformed Church
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Bob Drenten

Lebanon Christian Reformed Church

PIANIST

Marlene Daale

REMEMBRANCE

Peter Dekkers

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

"Amazing Grace"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

"How Great Thou Art"

CASKET BEARERS

Myron Dekkers ~ Dan Dekkers

Dave Te Slaa ~ Jon Dekkers

Steve De Jong ~ Glen Bomgaars

MILITARY RITES

Navy Honor Guard

Two Oaks American Legion Post 254 of Hawarden

INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

*Please join Anthony's family for lunch and fellowship
following the committal service.*