

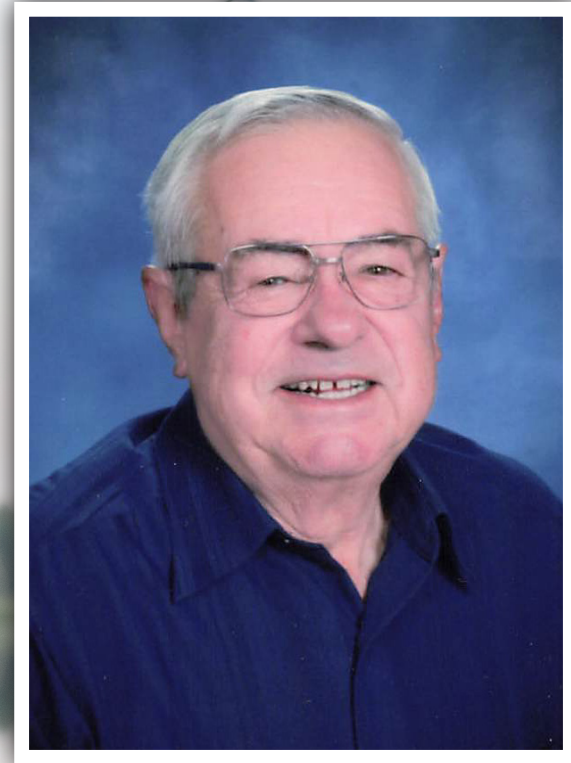


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FUNERAL HOMES

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



THOMAS V. ZROSTLIK
May 23, 1941 – December 2, 2023

Thomas V. Zrostlik, 82, of Britt, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at his home with family by his side.

Thomas Virgil Zrostlik, the son of Frank and Emma (Falada) Zrostlik, was born May 23, 1941, on the family farm south of Duncan. He received his education at the rural schools of Liberty Township and attended Britt High School for two years before graduating from Garner High School in 1958. Following his graduation, Tom worked at Zrostlik Tire Service and Iowa Mold and Tooling Co. On January 20, 1962, he married Louise DeWeerd at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Garner. The couple resided in Garner for a year before moving to Waterloo, where Tom was employed at John Deere while also working part-time at Firestone and Goodyear Tire. In 1968, Tom and Louise moved to a farm near Jesup, and in 1971 moved back to the family farm south of Duncan. Tom farmed, raised crops, did custom work, and operated Zrostlik Manufacturing on his farm before joining his brother Francis at Iowa Mold Tooling in Garner and later Stellar Industries. He worked as a manager in the research and development department until his retirement in 2018. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing trips to northern Minnesota, Canada, Alaska and southwest Iowa as well as playing cards and visiting the casino. Tom was very devoted to his loved ones and was a very generous man. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tell jokes; playfully teasing others and welcoming it in return. He was always analyzing how things worked, and could design and build anything.

He was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church throughout his life, was a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus, and belonged to the United Auto Workers in Waterloo.

Tom is survived by his wife of 61 years, Louise Zrostlik; their children, Joseph (Niki) Zrostlik of Long Grove, IA, Lynne (Jerry) Reising of Potosi, WI, Pamela (Darvin) Stecker of Fertile, and Kim (Vong) Philavanh of Fort Collins, CO; fourteen grandchildren, Chris, Emily, Emma, Zach, and Zoey Zrostlik, Nicholas (Lucy) Reising, Brianna Reising, Christina Reising (fiancé Hardage), Andrew (Jamie) Stecker, Amanda (Chase) Albertson, Anna Lee (Ben) Collins and Kaitlyn, Kiersten, and Kerrigan Philavanh; six great-grandchildren, Dillon Gerdes, Avery and Brayden Stecker, Charlotte and Catherine Collins, and Cameron Reising; sisters-in-law Barbara Zrostlik Beyer, Marie Weiss, Betty Anderson, Ida Floy, and JoAnne (Forrest) Burress; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Emma Zrostlik; parents-in-law, Henry and Anna DeWeerd; brothers, Jerry and Francis; sister, Marilyn TerBeek; sisters-in-law, Josephine Barker, Anna Lou Wille, and Ramona Lau Schmidt; and brothers-in-law Allen Lau, George Barker, Orvin Anderson, Harold TerBeek, Duane Floy, Clem Weiss, Marvin Schmidt, and Glen Wille; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Croix Hospice or the donor's charity of choice.

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FUNERAL MASS

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church – Duncan, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 9, 2023

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Andrew Marr

LECTORS

Lynne Reising, Pam Stecker, Niki Zrostlik

ALTAR SERVERS

Eli and Owen Marchand

GIFT BEARERS

Jamie Stecker Chase Albertson
Ben Collins Lucy Reising

MUSIC

Mary Kopacek, Organist
Kimberly Malek, Pianist

“Be Not Afraid”
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
“Here I Am Lord”
“On Eagle’s Wings”
“Saints of God”
“Lead Me Lord”

USHERS

Dean and Linda Brooks Eric Marchand

HONORARY BEARERS

Amanda Albertson, Emma Zrostlik, Brianna Reising
Zoey Zrostlik, Anna Collins, Emily Zrostlik, Christina Reising
Kaitlyn, Kiersten and Kerrigan Philavanh

CASKET BEARERS

Joe Zrostlik Jerry Reising Darvin Stecker
Andrew Stecker Nicholas Reising
Chris Zrostlik Zach Zrostlik

BURIAL

St. John’s Catholic Cemetery – Duncan, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon at Duncan Hall immediately following the funeral mass. The family will join everyone following the burial.