

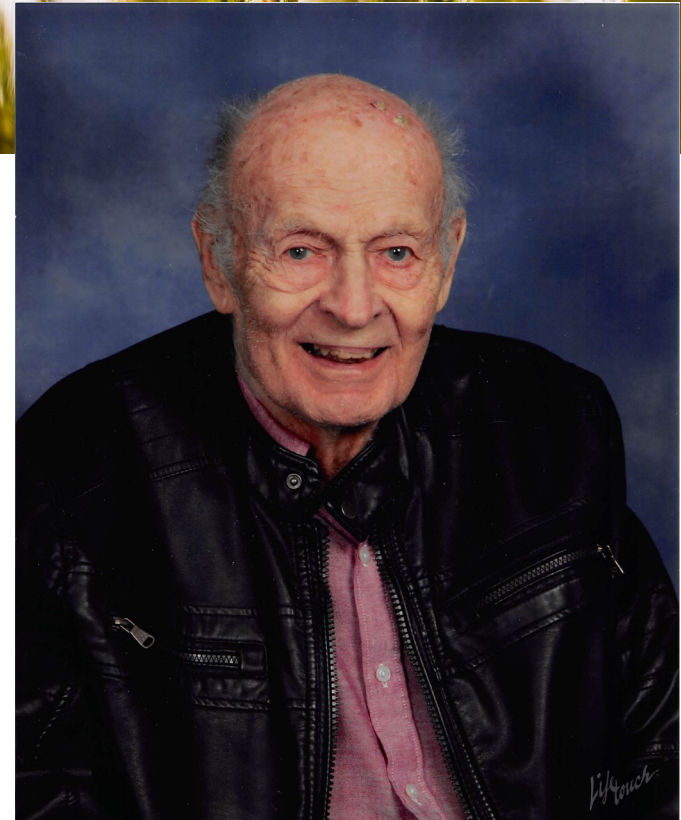
“Since reading Ruth’s article, I have been very troubled about my depth of faith in dealing with life after death. Therefore I conferred separately with each of my sons, Reverend Joel Love, and my second cousin, Dr. Ben Strohbahn, a Baptist minister who was visiting and preaching at Waterloo Hagerman Baptist Church.

Around noon on Monday, March 29, 2004, Ben helped me to become a ‘Born Again Christian’, with a deeper faith in bible scripture so that I might have everlasting life forever. Like in the scripture, and song that Ruth sang, And like many Christians, in some churches, many strong Christians work regularly to improve their own and others faith. Having taken this ‘Born Again Christian’ commitment, I now feel better about myself.”

*-Excerpt from Fred’s Book,
“From Tall Grass Prairies to Huge Grainfields”*



Heaven Gained A Farmer



*Frederick “Fred” W. Strohbahn
September 14, 1929 ~ March 10, 2018*

Frederick W. "Fred" Strohbahn, 88, of Reinbeck, passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at The Elms Assisted Living in Reinbeck, while under the care of Cedar Valley Hospice. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 15th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM with a Masonic Service beginning at 6:30 PM. The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 16th at 10:30 AM at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Reinbeck with Rev. Joel Love officiating. Burial will follow the funeral service at the Reinbeck Cemetery.

Fred was born on September 14, 1929 in Worthington, Minnesota to his parents John Carson & Dorothy (Montgomery) Strohbahn. He grew up in Reinbeck and lived on the family farm three miles west of town. He attended school in Reinbeck and graduated from Reinbeck High School in 1947. He then went on to study agriculture at Iowa State University in Ames for three years. He started his farming career with his father in 1950. Fred and his father John specialized in buying cattle and pigs and marketing them at Iowa packing or slaughter plants, or the Chicago Stock Yards. They grew mostly corn, oats, pasture or hay and later, soybeans.

Fred Married Ruth Helen Nordskog on December 27, 1956. They spent their life on the Strohbahn farm where they raised their three sons. Both Fred and Ruth were active members of Congregational United Church of Christ. He was also active in the Farm Bureau and Iowa and National Cattlemen's Association. Fred had a keen interest in local and family history. He helped build a new Grundy County Museum in Morrison in 1999 and published a history book in 2006 titled, "From the Tall Grass Prairie to Hugh Grain Fields." Fred was also involved in the Self Help Mission in Waverly and today, there is a Fred Strohbahn Learning Center for Advancement of Agriculture, in Nicaragua, to meet the needs of the people.

In addition to his involvement in the church and agricultural organizations, Fred was a member of the Reinbeck Masonic Coin Lodge #394. What brought the greatest joy to Fred was his family. He enjoyed the many visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially while he was a resident at The Elms in Reinbeck. His family will miss him dearly and through his many accomplishments, especially with his farming career, his legacy will live on and be passed on to the future Strohbahn generations.

Fred is survived by his sons Philip (Audrey Schmitz) Strohbahn of Webster City, IA and Karl (Connie) Strohbahn and Paul (Caryn) Strohbahn, both of Reinbeck; grandchildren Casey Wentz of Colorado Springs, CO, Aaron (Silvia) McCoy of North Port, FL, Shannon (Jill) McCoy of Adel, IA, Brandy (Matt) Sealman of Reinbeck, Vasily Strohbahn of Reinbeck, Alyona Strohbahn of Cedar Falls, Dmitriy Strohbahn and Marina Strohbahn, both of Reinbeck and Nicholas (Melanie) Strohbahn, Wesley (Sadi) Strohbahn and Ryan Strohbahn, all of Reinbeck; great-grandchildren Eric Steffens, Emili, Courtney & Grace DeGroote, Cael, Connor and Emma McCoy and Paige, Lauren, Addison and Emerson Strohbahn; sister Margaret (Gerald) Ehrig of Reinbeck. He is preceded in death by his wife Ruth; sisters Lavon (Russell) Roberts and Myrna (Paul) Shaff.

In Loving Memory **Frederick W. Strohbahn**

Born Into Life

September 14, 1929

Worthington, Minnesota

Entered Eternal Rest

March 10, 2018

Reinbeck, Iowa

Funeral Service

Friday, March 16, 2018

10:30 AM

Union Congregational
United Church of Christ
Reinbeck, Iowa

Officiating

Rev. Joel Love

Organist

Brian Scheumann

Congregational Hymns

"In The Garden"

"Amazing Grace"

Special Recorded Selection

"God Made a Farmer"

Paul Harvey

"Dancing In The Sky"

Dani & Lizzy

Casket Bearers

Nicholas Strohbahn

Wesley Strohbahn

Ryan Strohbahn

Vasily Strohbahn

Dmitriy Strohbahn

Joel Ehrig

Committal Service

Reinbeck Cemetery

Please join Fred's family for lunch in the church basement for a time of food and Christian Fellowship following the committal service at the cemetery.