



Joe Lagasse, 85, of Garner, IA, passed peacefully Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Summit House Assisted Living in Britt, IA.

Edward Joseph Lagasse, the 16th child of Dosithe and Josephine (Turcotte) Lagasse, was born November 10, 1938, in Rolla, North Dakota. He attended and graduated from Rolla High School in 1956. Joe served his country in the U.S. Army from May 1957 to May 1959. On April 11, 1964, he was united in marriage to Linda Etzen in Minneapolis, MN. They lived in several states before making their home in Garner in 1976. Joe retired in 2004 from Iowa Mold Tooling after working there for 27+ years.

Joe enjoyed following girls' high school basketball and watching the MN Vikings. Joe enjoyed reminiscing with his grandchildren about his life as a young boy on the farm in rural Rolla, ND, and following his grandchildren's activities. He was also a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Joe is survived by his three children, Robin Lagasse of Minneapolis, MN, Wendy (Paul) Juntunen of Rolla, ND, and Dawn (Brian) Henley of Marshalltown, IA; five grandchildren, Jadyn, Haley and Kylie Juntunen of Rolla, ND, Creighton Henley of Phoenix, AZ, and Matt (Joelle) Henley of Alburnette, IA; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Delia Godfrey (Longview, WA), Alice Pidde (Bloomington, MN), Semon Jalbert (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan) and hundreds of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Linda, December 31, 2009; siblings, Henry (Elizabeth), Emil (Emma), Omer (Antoinette), Arthur (Irene), Marie (Antoine) Jalbert, Eva (Art) Winslow, Zenon (Anne), (Fern), Laura (Kermit) Hellem, Louis (Clarice), Albert, Stella (Everette) Dawson, Armand, Walter Godfrey, Robert Pidde and Etienne Jalbert.

Blessed be the memory of Joe Lagasse. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Celebrating the Life of

JOE LAGASSE

November 10, 1938 - February 14, 2024

MEMORIAL MASS

St. Boniface Catholic Church Garner, Iowa 10:30 a.m., Tuesday February 20, 2024

CELEBRANT

Rev. Fr. Andrew Marr

LECTOR

Raymond Lagasse

MUSIC

Mary Kopacek, Organist Mary Chambers, Cantor St. Boniface Choir

USHER

Francis Oborny

URN BEARERS

Creighton and Matt Henley Jadyn, Haley and Kylie Juntunen

PRIVATE FAMILY INURNMENT

Madison Township Cemetery Forest City, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the memorial mass. Burial will follow the luncheon at Madison Township Cemetery.