



Gerrit John Van Den Top, son of John and Gerritje “Carrie” (Van Middendorp) Van Den Top, was born December 4, 1933, on a farm near Alvord, Iowa. On June 10, 1955, John was united in marriage with Mable Ter Meer in Inwood, Iowa. He was drafted into the United States Army with service at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Karlsruhe, Germany from 1955 to 1957. Together the couple made their

home in Inwood until 1964 at which time they moved to Rock Valley, Iowa. John was a Rock Valley Community School Board member for 24 years.

John loved fishing and carpentry, and you would often find him in his woodworking shop. He built many homes in the Rock Valley area but was also an artisan who crafted intricate wooden vases as well as toys and barns for his many grandchildren. John died Monday, January 8, 2024, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley at the age of 90.

He is survived by his 4 children, Sharon (Engel) Knibbe of Richland, Washington, Steve (Lisa) Van Den Top of Rock Valley, Tricia Van Den Top of Bellevue, Nebraska, and Karl (Ashley) Van Den Top of Utica, New York; 8 grandchildren, Angie Larsen, Renae (Jason) Stout, Leah Knibbe, Zachary Van Den Top, Katie (Justin) Juffer, Brittany (Luke) Wiebe, Jaxon Van Den Top, and Zoey Van Den Top; 11 great-grandchildren, Ty, Ezekiel, and Elijah Larsen, Clayton, Bentley and Elly Juffer, Jacob, Abigail, Gideon and Leentje Stout, and Hollis Wiebe; brother, Gilbert (Norma) Van Den Top; sister, Alice (Albert) Brands; and sister-in-law, Janet Ter Meer of Rialto, California.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Mable; son, Mark Van Den Top; parents, John and Carrie Van Den Top; father and mother-in-law, William and Maggie Ter Meer; sisters, Jeanette Rozeboom and Jennie Miller; brothers-in-law, Opie Ter Meer, Walter Ter Meer, William Rozeboom, Allen Miller, Donald Roos and Sam Kooima; sisters-in-law, Hermina Kooima, Bertha Roos and Kathleen Ter Meer.

In Loving Memory
Gerrit John Van Den Top
December 4, 1933 ~ January 8, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:30 PM, Thursday, January 11, 2024
Porter Funeral Home
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. J.J. Witvoet
Netherlands Reformed Congregation

ORGANIST

Ruth Hoefakker

PSALTER HYMNS

“The Fatherly Love of God” #278 vs.1-4
“Chastened Submission” #106 vs.1-6

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Ty Larsen ~ Ezekiel Larsen ~ Elijah Larsen
Elly Juffer ~ Jacob Stout ~ Abigail Stout
Gideon Stout ~ Leentje Stout ~ Hollis Wiebe

PALLBEARERS

Zachary Van Den Top ~ Justin Juffer
Luke Wiebe ~ Clayton Juffer
Bentley Juffer ~ Jay Rozeboom

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*John’s family invites everyone for a time of refreshments
and a light lunch at Porter Funeral Home following
the committal service at Valley View Cemetery.*

23rd Psalm

THE LORD IS MY *Shepherd*: I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES:
He leadeth me BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
for His names sake.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, *I will fear no evil:*
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND
THY STAFF *they comfort me.*

THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE
PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL:
my cup runneth over.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL
DWELL IN THE *house of the Lord forever.*



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