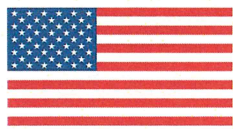




Robert Gene Utesch

*August 19, 1928
December 7, 2023*



Robert Gene Utesch was born in rural Plymouth County, Iowa, on August 19, 1928, the son of Elmer and Loretta (Smythe) Utesch. He attended rural schools and served in the United States Army for almost 2 years before transferring to the Army Reserves until April of 1957. He was proud to be a Korean War Veteran.

Robert married Kathleen Mary Kontz on April 27, 1953, at Ramona, South Dakota. They farmed and raised their family near Akron, Iowa and retired to Hawarden in 2000. Robert was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and a lifetime member of the American Legion. He enjoyed gardening, dancing, and fishing. Robert loved playing cards, vacations with good friends, and family visits. He loved the Lord, his family, and getting together with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at his son's home in Le Mars at the age of 95.

Robert is survived by his wife, Kathleen. 3 children, Peggy Utesch and Chris Stone of Georgetown, California, Brenda (Rick) Lawrence of Alcester, South Dakota, and Steve and Melissa Utesch of Le Mars, Iowa; 6 grandchildren; Carol (Dustin) Boatman of Sioux City, Iowa, Nick Utesch (Sean Cotter) of New York City, New York, Bryan (Colleen) Utesch of Chicago, Illinois, Tanya (Dan) Rees of Monument, Colorado, Sarah (Brent) Bird of Omaha, Nebraska, and Tanner (Alissa) Utesch of Worthington, Minnesota; 11 great-grandchildren, Addison and Bryton Boatman, Josie and Brecken Utesch, Emma and Evan Rees, Oliver and August Bird, and Xavier, Fulton, and Isabelle Utesch; sister-in-law, Marion Utesch; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Loretta Utesch; and brothers, Marlo and Jim Utesch.

Robert's family will always remember his kind words of "Love Yous!"

In Loving Memory Of Robert Gene Utesch

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2023

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Hawarden, Iowa

CELEBRANT

Father Mauro Sanchez

Deacon Richard Port

ORGANIST

Kathy Knight

CANTOR

Teresa Huenink

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Chuck Utesch ~ Randy Utesch ~ Alissa Utesch

Diana Kenny ~ Linda Talbott ~ Coleen Utesch

CASKET BEARERS

Carol Boatman ~ Dustin Boatman ~ Nick Utesch ~ Sean Cotter

Bryan Utesch ~ Colleen Utesch ~ Tanya Rees ~ Dan Rees

Sarah Bird ~ Brent Bird ~ Tanner Utesch ~ Alissa Utesch

MILITARY RITES

Albert E. Hoschler Post 186 of Akron

Two Oaks Post 254 of Hawarden

Iowa Army Honor Guard

INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

Please join Robert's family for lunch and fellowship in the church hall following the committal service.