



John Henry Santema was born February 18, 1930, near Sioux Center, Iowa, to Henry and Daisy (Mulder) Santema. He attended school in Sioux Center and worked on the family farm with his father. They moved to

Sioux Center when John was 16 years old and he started working for Ver Hoef Chevrolet. He was a member of Sioux Center First Reformed Church.

On April 6, 1950, John was united in marriage with Joyce Gort. The couple moved to Rock Valley, Iowa in 1955 when John and his partner bought the Chevrolet dealership from Walt Warntjes, Sr. John and Joyce became members of Calvin Christian Reformed Church. The couple moved to the country in 1973, where John had horses and cattle. He retired from Hi-Way Chevrolet-Buick in February 2001. John and Joyce moved into Rock Valley in 2013. In 2019, John made his final move to Whispering Heights in Rock Valley. John died Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the age of 92.

During his years in the Rock Valley area, John served on the church building committee, was president of the Hegg Health Center Board, and was honored as the Rock Valley "Man of the Year". John enjoyed horse riding trips, which he did for about 30 years. John trusted in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of his sin and God's gift of eternal life.

John is survived by his wife of nearly 72 years, Joyce; 3 sons, Greg (Susan) Santema, Jeff (Sharon) Santema, and Dan (Kelly) Santema; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many extended relation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Daisy Santema; infant daughter, Sandra Santema; son, Russell Santema; grandson, Daniel Santema; and 3 brothers, Andrew, James, and Bernard Santema. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Celebrating the Life of John Henry Santema February 18, 1930 ~ April 3, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Thursday, April 7, 2022
Calvin Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Gideon Wamala

PIANIST

Vonnie Van Ginkel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"

"How Great Thou Art"

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

PALLBEARERS

Sarah Sillers ~ Rachel Major
Anna Santema ~ Bethany Santema
Isaac Santema ~ David Santema
Jonmark Santema ~ Jake Santema

MEMORIAL

Hegg Health Center

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*John's family invites everyone for a time of
food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.*

*When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared—
Miss me, but let me go.*

*For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Maker's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows
in doing good deeds—
Miss me, but let me go.*

