



Clarence John Van't Hul, son of John and Clara (Bakker) Van't Hul, was born May 5, 1933, at Doon, Iowa. Clarence and his family moved to Rock Valley, Iowa when he was 3 years old. He attended Rock Valley Christian School through the 8th grade, spent two years at Rock Valley High School and later obtained his high school diploma through a GED.

Clarence was united in marriage with Marlene Dykstra on September 8, 1954, at the First Reformed Church of Hull, Iowa. In 1954, Clarence also joined the United States Army where he proudly served his country until 1956. While in the Army, he lived in El Paso, Texas for 3 months and in Detroit, Michigan for 21 months. After his honorable discharge from the US Army, Clarence and Marlene lived in Sioux Center, Iowa for 3 years, Inwood, Iowa for 26 years, Colorado Springs, Colorado for 25 years, and Canton, South Dakota for 13 years, until recently moving to Fellowship Village in Inwood.

Clarence began his working years at Kooima Manufacturing in Rock Valley, then John Morrell in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before owning and operating Van't Hul Auto Sales in Inwood for 26 years. After leaving Inwood, Clarence owned and operated Van't Hul Enterprise in Colorado Springs. He retired from the car business in 2010.

Clarence loved fishing, hunting, riding horses, and traveling. He enjoyed attending his children and grandchildren's events, from sports to showing livestock. Clarence was also proud of his Model T Ford which turned 100 years old in 2021. Clarence passed away Friday, October 27, 2023, at the Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center in Canton at the age of 90.

Clarence is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marlene; 4 children, Larry (Susan) Van't Hul of Divide, Colorado, Linda (Steven) Haight of Ellston, Iowa, Lois (Doug) Hoff of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Debra (Larry) Van Roekel of Larchwood, Iowa; 12 grandchildren, Bryan (Charity) Garner, Jon (Christine) Garner, Kayla Van't Hul, Clinton (Jessica) Haight, Catelin Haight (Fiancé Aaron Haack), Angie (Joe) Joswiak, Rachel (Grant) Sunne, Kelli (Andrew) Pillatzki, Heidi (Cooper) Hausmann, Lance (Katlyn) Van Roekel, Holly (Kyle) Scholten, and Brett "BJ" Van Roekel (Friend Cassie Van Beek); 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 sisters-in-law, Alvina Van't Hul of Rock Valley, Iowa and Linda Van't Hul of Sheldon, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Clara; 4 sisters, Fannie (John) Westhuis, Lucy (Richard) Van Voorst, Eileen (Hans) Van Voorst, and Bernice and Harold Zellmer; two brothers, Gerald (Myrt) Van't Hul and Bernard Van't Hul; and a granddaughter, Christa Haight.

In Loving Memory
Clarence John Van't Hul
May 5, 1933 ~ October 27, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Thursday, November 2, 2023
First Reformed Church
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rob Horstman

ORGANIST

Irene Ter Wee

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"
Katlyn Van Roekel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"How Great Thou Art" #33
"The Old Rugged Cross" #233
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #785

PALLBEARERS

Kayla Van't Hul ~ Clinton Haight
Catelin Haight ~ Angie Joswiak
Rachel Sunne ~ Kelli Pillatzki
Heidi Hausmann ~ Lance Van Roekel
Brett Van Roekel ~ Holly Scholten

MILITARY RITES

Inwood American Legion Thorson Post 310
Iowa Honor Guard

INTERMENT

Richland Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

Marlene and family invite everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church basement fellowship hall following Clarence's service.

Forever In My Heart

*You were taken from us quickly,
no chance to say goodbye,
you were gone before we knew it
and only God knows why.
We miss you more than words can say,
our hearts still ache with sorrow,
without you in our lives today
what becomes of our tomorrow.
Your life was full, you had so much,
good times, good friends,
a loving touch.
Your memory is a treasure,
with which we'll never part,
until we meet again
you're safe within my heart.*



Celebrating the Life of



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