



John Michael Klein

October 13, 1914 - June 2, 2019

John Michael Klein, son of John and Mary (Fromm) Klein, was born October 13, 1914 on a farm near Westphalia. His family moved to a farm north of Harlan where he grew up and attended country school. He worked on the family farm and eventually bought a portion of that farm.

On January 26, 1948 John married Isabel Heese of Earling. They remained on the farm where they raised their three children; Linda, Dan and Bob. In 1969 they retired from the farm and moved to town where he lived out the remainder of his life.

John was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was known for his friendly spirit, integrity and sense of humor. His hobbies included flying airplanes, hunting, fishing, golf and others. He was most well known for his musical and entertaining abilities. John was an innovative farmer. He was active in numerous community organizations throughout his lifetime. He held several leadership positions and also served as a county supervisor.

John passed away June 2, 2019 at Elm Crest nursing home. He was 104 years old. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Isabel, son Robert, grandson Josh Klein, siblings; Anthony Klein, Josephine Book, Susan Petsche, Vitus Klein, Cecelia Gross, Lenora Arkfeld, Catherine Petsche, Joseph Klein, and Frederick Klein.

He is survived by his children, Linda and her husband Larry Clauson of Polk City, Iowa; Dan Klein of Wilmington, North Carolina; 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Since John was the last surviving sibling he would often say " When I go I guess it'll be up to me to turn off the lights".

Cemetery Details

Harlan Cemetery

911 12th Street
Harlan, IA 51537

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pauley Jones Funeral Home - Harlan
1304 Ninth Street
Harlan, IA 51537
harlan@pauleyjones.com

Wake Service

JUN 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church
2001 College Place
Harlan, IA 51537

Tribute Wall

LV

“ John was such an outstanding person and member of the Harlan Community. He was a person of great integrity and was very devoted to his family. He and my dad both loved wrestling and enjoyed visiting about it. In his younger days he flew my dad up to Wisconsin once or twice to pick up a new Mayflower truck for Van's Moving & Storage. He and Isabel were such great people and they have kind respect from our family. Our deepest condolences to the family for their loss. He will be missed by so many people.
Lindsey & Stephanie Vanderheiden and Family.....

Lindsey Vanderheiden - June 17, 2019 at 09:43 PM

AH

“ John was the best school bus driver! I remember his gentle kindness and positive interaction with the kids. One fond memory is of John greeting me as I entered the bus to go home from school and asking me to sit in the seat right behind him. You see, he had a Sears Roebuck package ordered by my parents that was meant for me! He wanted me to guard it on the way home, because he knew to was important! It was my first guitar!
Thoughts and prayers are with John's family. Rest in peace, John!
Ann (Schwery) Hodapp, Council Bluffs, IA (originally from Panama)

Ann Hodapp - June 07, 2019 at 10:07 PM

SW

“ Shirley Wolf lit a candle in memory of John Michael Klein



Shirley Wolf - June 07, 2019 at 10:45 AM



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Pauley Jones Funeral Homes, LLC - June 07, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ 97 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pauley Jones Funeral Homes, LLC - June 06, 2019 at 03:31 PM

JF

“ Jack Hearn & family Julie Kist & family purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of John Michael Klein.



Jack Hearn & family Julie Kist & family - June 06, 2019 at 03:02 PM

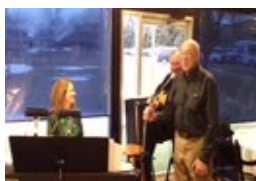
LF

“ John was an outstanding member of Golden K Kiwanis. Each week he would tell me "remember when we were going to Alaska, but I sold my plane" as he knew that I lived in Alaska. We at Kiwanis will miss him as a good and faithful friend. - LaVonne Force

LaVonne Force - June 06, 2019 at 11:32 AM

KG

“ 1 file added to the album *Johnny Klein*



Kathy Goede - June 05, 2019 at 06:54 PM

PS

Love it!! What a guy❤️

Pat Schug - June 05, 2019 at 09:15 PM

MA

This is great

Mary Weis Assmann - June 06, 2019 at 02:50 PM

PS

“ *John and Isabel went to dances all over Southwest Iowa. They loved to dance. When Isabel got tired John always found a dance partner with Isabel's blessing. John was a great dancer and imagine they went to hundreds of dances over the years.*

Pat Schug - June 05, 2019 at 10:30 AM

DH

“ *What a great man and a great life. I have many wonderful memories of John and the days on the farm in Harlan.
Forever remembered,
Dave Hearn*

Dave Hearn - June 05, 2019 at 09:02 AM

DA

“ *Don & Mary Weis Assmann lit a candle in memory of John
Michael Klein*



Don & Mary Weis Assmann - June 05, 2019 at 07:59 AM

DA

We will miss seeing his smiling face at Elm Crest.

Don & Mary Weis Assmann - June 05, 2019 at 08:02 AM



“ *Dan & Linda & families -
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know how much you will miss your Dad. He was a very special man to all who knew him. So many great memories of Great Uncle Johnny! We all loved him so much. May he rest in peace with all of our relatives that have passed on to the pearly gates. Love & Hugs Jackie & Allan Grote & family (Great niece, Lavern Petsche's daughter)*



Jackie Grote - June 04, 2019 at 11:04 PM

GW

“ *Gene And Jan Wilwerding lit a candle in memory of John Michael Klein*



Gene and Jan Wilwerding - June 04, 2019 at 08:47 PM

DB

“ *Dianne And Denny Book lit a candle in memory of John Michael Klein*



Dianne and Denny Book - June 04, 2019 at 06:28 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Goede lit a candle in memory of John Michael Klein*



Kathy Goede - June 04, 2019 at 05:37 PM