



David Looft

February 3, 1940 - December 29, 2017

David Looft, age 77, a longtime farmer in the Fenton (Seneca) area passed away on December 29, 2017 at Windsor Manor Assisted Living in Algona. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 3rd at Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona, with Rev. Tom Schlund officiating. Burial will be in the Blakjar Lutheran Cemetery in rural Seneca. Visitation will be 4:00 – 6:00 PM Tuesday at the Trinity Life Center.

David was the third son born to his parents, Henry and Cena (Johannesen) Looft of rural Seneca. He was born at the family farm one mile west of Seneca in Kossuth County on February 3, 1940. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith on March 17, 1940 by Pastor S. O. Sande. He took confirmation and was confirmed by Pastor H.E. Rasmussen, Jr. on May 24, 1953 at Blakjar Lutheran Church, where he spent many summers mowing the church cemetery with a push mower.

David attended Seneca Public School and graduated in 1957. While in school, he played basketball and baseball, with baseball being his favorite. He loved playing catch with his two brothers, Jack and Dick, and would also spend hours pitching a baseball against a cement water tank and having the ball bounce back to him. He played Legion Ball for Lone Rock and was a member of the 1957 Bancroft Legion Team that won the Iowa State Championship. The team then went on to the Nationals at Hobart, OK, where they lost out and ended their season with 45 wins and 2 losses.

David attended Luther College in Decorah for two years before staying home to help on the family farm. He continued to play team ball for Lone Rock. He also became an avid fox hunter and would be out tracking them after a fresh snow. He enlisted in the 133rd Air Control Wing (ACW) Flight of the Iowa Air National Guard unit in Fort Dodge for three years in October 1960, and then transferred to the Air Force Reserve unit in Mason City for the remainder of his six year enlistment. Along with a life-long passion for farming, David also spent a number of years serving the community as an Asgrow seed dealer.

Additional interests included bird watching and maintaining a number of bird feeders as

well as a green thumb for his tractor-tire garden, including tomatoes, cucumbers and peas. His grandchildren often enjoyed sneaking bites of ground cherries from his garden as he teased them about eating them all up. Grandpa loved sharing with his grandchildren and passed along his love of fruit to many of them, who often stood leaning over the arm of his chair waiting for the next slice of orange or bite of apple.

David married Virginia Lee Hoppe at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman, MN on June 20, 1962 and had 4 children to that union: Brian, Scott, Janet and Jason. They made their home north of Fenton on Highway 15 for 26 years. They then moved to the family farm west of Seneca in March 1988, where they lived until January 2012 when they moved to Algona. In May 2016, they moved to Windsor Manor Assisted Living in Algona. David and Virginia were members of Blakjar Lutheran Church until 1971. They then transferred to St. John's Lutheran Church in Fenton. In 2010, they transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona.

David is survived by Virginia, his wife of 55 years, and their children: Brian Looft and wife Julie of Wichita, Kansas, Scott Looft and Nicole Foertsch of Algona, Janet Nyman and husband Arlen of Algona, and Jason Looft and wife Jennifer of Lewisville, Texas. He is also survived by his 9 grandchildren, Air Force Captain Jessica (Looft) Mead and husband Pat, Steven, Eric, Evan, Ashley, Samantha and Matthew Looft, and Benjamin and Ashton Nyman, a brother, John "Jack" Looft and wife Patricia "Pat" of Victoria, Minnesota, sisters-in-law, Elaine Looft and husband Bill Schulz of Arlington Heights, Illinois and Carol (Mrs. Marvin) Hoppe of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; a brother-in-law, Freeman Hoppe and wife Marian of St. James, Minnesota, and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Cena Looft, parents-in-law, Glen and Edna Hoppe, a brother, Richard "Dick" Looft; brothers-in-law, Marvin Hoppe and Milford Hoppe and wife Lois, a sister-in-law Shirley Thate and husband Robert, and aunts and uncles.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church
520 North Garfield, Algona, IA, US, 50511

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 11:40AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Lentz Funeral Home - January 01, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Looft.



January 02, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ Our Sincere sympathy to you, Virginia, and all the members of your family. We remember our visits with you in your home in rural Seneca, and here in Algona. We thank God for David's faith in Christ, and for his patience in tribulation - as he dealt with the various operations and procedures over the years. Our prayer for and with you is that you may always find comfort in Our Savior Jesus Christ, who loved you and through whom you with David have the assurance of eternal life with God in heaven. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! With our love and prayers, Pastor Henry and Evelyn Friedrich.

Rev. Henry and Evelyn Friedrich - January 02, 2018 at 11:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Looft.



January 01, 2018 at 11:27 PM



“ To the family of David Looft, you have our deepest sympathy and know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. at this difficult time.

Tony and Lael Kahler

Kerry Kahler - December 31, 2017 at 05:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Looft.



December 31, 2017 at 10:56 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Looft.



December 31, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. The Eugene Larson family

Sherri Larson Parsons - December 30, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Looft.



December 30, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ Jenny and Dave's Family,
It was a true pleasure knowing and caring for Dave. He was such a kind and gentle man. I will truly miss our monthly visits. He loved his family and spoke of you often. He was a true farmer and enjoyed talking about it. I was so impressed with the health records he kept and his planner. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God grant you strength through this time and the days ahead.



Deb Schulz - December 30, 2017 at 03:00 AM



“ David and his family are some of the most admirable and selfless people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing! Y'all are in my thoughts and prayers and my heart is yours. Much love always for Pop's and to the rest of Looft family.



Laura Hanson - December 30, 2017 at 01:41 AM



“ There has never been a sweeter man than David! I, personally, as well as all the staff of Windsor Manor, will miss his sweet smile and gentle way.

Terri Tweedy

Terri Tweedy - December 29, 2017 at 03:17 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of David Looft.



December 29, 2017 at 12:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Looft.



December 29, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ I'm so glad I was able to know David! I'll miss his sense of humor and our witty banter! He had a heart of gold!



Jessica Lynn - December 29, 2017 at 10:36 AM