



John August Horvatic

September 30, 1929 - April 13, 2015

John August Horvatic was born on September 30, 1929 on the family farm north of Elkhorn to Frank and Antonia (Urek) Horvatic. He grew up on the farm and attended District #41. As a young boy, John developed his love of baseball, which he continued to play as an adult before moving to fast pitch softball. With his brothers having other obligations and his father's health failing, John had to quit school to run the farm.

John met Agatha Smith at dances at Sokol Hall in South Omaha and they were married on April 30, 1955 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn and they were blessed with three children: Kathryn, Joseph and Cynthia. John and Aggie raised their family on the farm until moving into town in 1979.

John farmed on his own before going to work for the Seltz family. Later he worked St. Patrick's Catholic Church for 18 years, the Eagles and Sempeck Bowling Center. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, bingo, playing pitch, keno and horseshoe. John was active in Rural School District #41 first as a student and later as an active member of the school board while his children attended school there. John loved to dress up as Santa Claus for the District #41 Christmas party and several other local schools and was proud to help coach his son Joe's baseball team. He loved the neighborhood steak fries during the summer and cooking at the Eagles on Friday nights. He was a life-long member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn as well as a member of the

St. Patrick's Men's Club, Elkhorn Eagles, Mt. Calvary Cemetery Board and the Omaha Cultural Czech Club. John was a simple, kind and gentle man of great values and ethics, often described as "the comic of the party". At 85 years old he was still mowing his own lawn, mainly because no one else could do it to his standard.

John passed away on April 13, 2015 at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 14 days. He was preceded in death by his son Joseph, parents Frank and Antonia Horvatich, brothers Frank and Rudy and numerous in-laws. John is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Agatha; daughters and sons-in-law Kathryn and Kent Mathews and Cynthia and Chuck Ladd; grandchildren Sarah (Adam) Hanna and Nicholas and Madison Ladd. Great grandchildren Wyatt and Willow Hanna and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *John August Horvatich*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Aggie: So sorry to hear of John's death...what a great guy & know he will be missed by many....he left a great legacy & memories to treasure...we're holding you close to our hearts & our thoughts & prayers go to you & your family....Virg(a baseball teammate)&Judy*

Virg & Judy Gottsch - April 16, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *May God hold your hands during this time of need. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. John was a very sweet guy and will be missed.*

Jeani and Mark Hanna - April 16, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Aggie and family,*

So sorry to hear of John's passing. He always had a smile on his face. May your memories keep John close in your hearts. May God be with you at this most saddest of times.

Darrell & Joan Smith - April 16, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *Dear Aggie - we were shocked and saddened to hear of John's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. He will be sorely missed.*

Steve & Anona Pflanz - April 15, 2015 at 01:36 PM

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“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Our sympathy goes to all of your family. John was as wonderful man and will be greatly missed.*

Marty and Linda Brown - April 14, 2015 at 08:23 AM