



John Henry Jacobs

May 30, 1921 - February 16, 2012

John Henry Jacobs was born May 30, 1921 in Fairfield, Nebraska to Henry Albert and Sylvia Bell (Theobald) Jacobs. John grew up in Fairfield, Clay Center, and Plattsmouth, Nebraska. He attended country schools and high school in Clay Center and Plattsmouth, graduating from Plattsmouth High School in 1939. As a young boy, John enjoyed musicals, participating in choir, and playing basketball and baseball.

Following high school, John attended Peru State College and Creighton University. He then enlisted in the United States Army in November 1942 and began his training as a pilot. In June of 1944, his enlistment was transferred to the Air Force and John flew B-17 Bombers. He returned home from the service in September of 1945.

John married June Griffin on October 6, 1946 at the First Presbyterian Church in Plattsmouth, and to this union, a daughter, Linda Lea was born. The family made their home in Plattsmouth, Grand Island, and Omaha for several years before moving to Elkhorn, where they have spent the last 36 years.

John worked for many years as a salesman in the industrial paint and fiberglass business, and worked for Ace Hardware in Elkhorn. In December 2007, John was awarded the 50 year Golden Hammer Award from Ace Hardware for his years of dedicated service. John's dedication extended to his

church as well. He and June are longtime members of First Presbyterian Church in Omaha, where John was an elder, and member of the church choir. John was also active with the National Campers and Hikers Association.

John enjoyed staying active and could often be found golfing, square dancing, camping, and once, even bowled a 299 game! He loved being part of the church choir, attending Husker football games, and playing cards. He had a huge heart, and was always happiest when he could be with family and friends. He had a huge appetite, loved food, and was content when his stomach was full. But above all, he cherished his faith, and was a devoted family man.

John passed away at his home in Elkhorn, Nebraska surrounded by his family on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the age of 90 years, 8 months, and 17 days. He is survived by his wife June; daughter Linda Lea, of Omaha; granddaughters: Julie Ann and husband, Jeff Gavin of Bennington, Nebraska, and Nancy Elizabeth Fredrickson of Omaha; great grandson: Abel John Gavin; sister-in-law Marion Jacobs of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, special friend Tyler Sohns, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

John Henry Jacobs, age 90, of Elkhorn, died 2/16/2012. Survived by wife June, daughter Linda Fredrickson of Omaha, granddaughters Julie Ann, and husband Jeff Gavin of Bennington, and Nancy Elizabeth Fredrickson of Omaha, great grandson Abel John Gavin, sister-in-law Marion Jacobs of Plattsmouth, NE, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services will be Wed. 2/22, 11 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 216 S. 34th St., Omaha. Interment at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Plattsmouth, NE. Visitation Tuesday from 1-8 PM with the family receiving friends from 5-8 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to First Presbyterian Church Omaha Food Bank, First Presbyterian Church Plattsmouth, or Methodist Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Henry Jacobs*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Grandpa John will be missed by everyone who knew him. He truly was the kindest, friendliest, loving man. He always had a smile on his face and kind words to say. I am honored to have known him and had him as my "adopted Grandpa" since I was 4 years old. I will always treasure the memories of playing with him when I was a kid, camping, and going on his sales calls with him in the back of his brown station wagon with Julie. Thank you so much for sharing him with me! We love you all very much, and you are all in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Love Always,
Kris, Phil, Ally, Will, Jill, & Josie*

Kristin Stratton - February 21, 2012 at 10:03 PM



“ *Dear Linda, Mrs. Jacobs, Julie and Nancy:
I never met a kinder, more gentle soul than Mr. John Jacobs. I never met a man more devoted to his wife, his daughter, his grandchildren than Mr. John Jacobs. How very blessed you all were to have him with you for so long! He really cherished all of you, and little Able, so much. I only wish I could have heard him sing as Linda proudly spoke of his beautiful voice often. He's singing with the angels and his Lord now. My sincere condolences to you all. Love, Sheri*

Sheri Cackin - February 21, 2012 at 10:58 AM

RW

“ *Dear June;
Sorry to hear about you loss. John Henry was one of a kind, he was always glad to see so many people that visited the hardware store. You have many fond memories I'm sure. John was so respected by those who he worked with, and we all will miss him. Sincerely Roger & Deb Wulf*

Roger Wulf - February 19, 2012 at 11:28 PM

KR

“ *Dear Linda and family. May the peace that passes understanding be with you at this time. Your husband, father and grandfather was a wonderful and kind man who loved his Lord Jesus and his family. Love, Kathy*

Kathy Rosene - February 19, 2012 at 10:20 PM

RR

“ *Dear June,

My heart hurts with yours. I remember the years John was tenor soloist in the choir at First Presbyterian Church. I'm glad, after a short hiatus, you both found your way back to First Presbyterian. May God's peace replace your present sorrow.*

Ross Robson

Ross Robson - February 19, 2012 at 02:40 AM

PJ

“ *Dear June and family. We are so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful example of what a Christian should be. He was such a joy to be around. We are blessed to have known him, and will deeply miss his smiling face. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Paul and Nancy Jelinek - February 18, 2012 at 10:32 PM