

Russell Rasmussen, 80

May 9, 1920 – May 6, 2001

BLOOMFIELD – Russell E. "Doc" Rasmussen, DVM, of Bloomfield, died May 6, 2001, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, at age 80 years. He was born May 9, 1920, in Audubon, to George Christofer and May K. Jensen Rasmussen.

He married Dorothy M. Johnson June 26, 1943, in Huxley. He was a graduate of the Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine. A resident of Bloomfield since 1942, he owned and operated Clearview Animal Hospital and Clearview Tree Farm in Bloomfield several years. He was a charter member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bloomfield, and received the Lamb Award. He was a past president of the Aid Association for Lutherans, was the current president of the Lutheran Brotherhood Area Branch #8572 and was the Lutheran Brotherhood Fraternalist of the Year in 1994. He was the Scout Master for Troop #91 of the Boy Scouts, Explorer Sea Scouts Ship #91 for over 50 years and received the Silver Beaver Award. He served on several national committees for the American Veterinary Medical Association. He was also a past president of the National Association of Sheep and Goat Practitioners.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a son, John Carl Rasmussen; a daughter, Ruth Ann Rasmussen; three brothers, Wayne, Robert Glenn and George Chester Rasmussen; and a sister, Ruth G. Rasmussen. He is survived by his wife; a son, Dr. David Rasmussen of Bloomfield; a daughter, Anita Shockley of Bloomfield; six grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held May 10, 2001, at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield, with Pastor Duane Marburger officiating. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Casket bearers were Robert, Galen, Craig and Ryan Rasmussen; Jim Ball and Jason Rook. Honorary casket bearers were Alisha Rook, Martha Ball, Ruth and Kayla Shockley, Nicole Rasmussen and Kirstin Rook. Wagler's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.