

Gary Russmann, 65

Aug. 10, 1942 - Jan. 13, 2008

**AVOCA** — Gary Lee Russmann, the seventh child born to Albert A. and Lisle Harris Russmann, was born on August 10, 1942 in Council Bluffs, IA. Gary attended country school Pleasant Ridge #6. Five weeks into his third grade year, Gary contracted polio in the 1950 polio outbreak and spent seven months at Mercy Hospital. When he returned home the family moved to a farm south of Walnut and in 1951 he continued his education at the Walnut Community School; graduating with the Class of 1961. Gary then attended Commercial Extension School of Business in Omaha. Upon graduating from there, he returned home where he began farming with his dad and brother Richard.



Gary was united in marriage to Jane Huse of Omaha. They began farming his uncles farm southwest of Avoca and lived in the house where he had been raised. Their daughter Ann was born on February 24, 1976. He continued to farm until his health no longer allowed. Pain took over his life, but Gary continued to mow and maintain his vehicles at home. Gary then spent much time on his phone, keeping in touch with family and friends electronically when he could no longer physically get around to see them. Gary died at his home on Sunday, January 13, 2008 having attained the age of sixty-five years, five months and three days.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Jane; his daughter Ann and her husband Jamie Eyberg of Coon Rapids; two grandchildren: Kennedy and Brendan; his brothers and sisters: Marjorie Kobs of Walnut; Carol and her husband Clayton Young of Hancock; Shirley Thies of Avoca; Richard Russmann of Avoca; Norma Herrell of Orange, CA and Bonnie Willett of Avoca; sisters-in-law: Barbara Kennedy, Mary Clare Mendick and Lois Huse, all of Omaha, NE; brothers-in-law: Rev. Robert Huse, O.A.R. of Oxnard, CA; Rev. Charles Huse of West Orange, NJ; Martin Huse and his wife Susan and Leo Huse and his wife Kathy, all of Omaha; many special nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 10:30 AM at the Pauley Jones Funeral Homes in Avoca, IA with Sister Rosie Restelli as the clergy with Wayne Paulsen saying the eulogy. Honorary bearers were Larry Kennett, Matt Kobs, Doug Kennedy, Jamie Eyberg, Jon Thies and Jan Randall. Serving as casket bearers were Roger Hobus, Tom Russmann, Don Kennedy, David Thies, Dean Willett and Phil Hobus. Interment was held in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, IA.

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