



John Henry Van Zanten, son of Tony and Fannie (Zwiers) Van Zanten, was born June 24, 1930, at Rock Valley, Iowa. He was perfectly named John which means “God is gracious”. In addition to the grace God showed John throughout his life, John was gracious, generous, devoted, loving and kind to his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, siblings, loved ones, friends, and those less fortunate. John had a big heart and was always looking for ways to be of service to others. John passed away peacefully and awoke in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, January 24, 2025.

John grew up in Rock Valley, Iowa and graduated from the 8th grade at Rock Valley Christian School. John married the love of his life, Mary Kooistra, on July 3, 1950. A bond that the Lord blessed for nearly 75 years. John and Mary were blessed with 5 children, Diana, Fonda, Terry, Barbara, and Bonnie.

John worked at Kooima Machine Works for 20 plus years, retiring in 1975. John was an entrepreneur and amazing businessman who helped start countless businesses in and around Rock Valley. Some of the many companies he was involved in were Valley State Bank, Peoples Bank, Rock Mill Industries, Quality Machine Products, Valley Machine, and many more. Because of his empathy and love for the helpless and those left behind, John co-founded Hope Haven, Justice for All, Cornerstone Prison Ministry along with Metal Craft Industries inside the prison, and Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare. He lived by the words of Matthew 25:36-40. He befriended those he helped and developed close relationships with them including a special bond with his friends Roger Morehead and George Veenendahl.

When he wasn't busy with his philanthropy work, John enjoyed nothing more than owning farmland, raising cattle, collecting classic cars, and having horses. Although his greatest love was spending time with Mary. John was also heavily involved in the church. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley where he served in consistory and later was a charter member of Trinity Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley where he once again served in consistory.

John was loved and will be dearly missed by those that knew him. He formed a legacy by loving the Lord and loving others. Even just days before his passing, John was asking Mary if there was more they could do for those in need. Well done, good and faithful servant.

John is survived by his wife, Mary; 4 children, Diana Vanden Bosch of Rock Valley, Fonda (Gary) Van Beek of Rock Valley, Terry (Rhonda) Van Zanten of Deadwood, South Dakota, and Bonnie (Tim) Van Otterloo of Rock Valley; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, Albert (Harriett) Van Zanten of Rock Valley, Vern (Geneva) Van Zanten of Pella, Iowa, and Rev. Tony (Donna) Van Zanten of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding John in death were his parents, Tony and Fannie; daughter, Barbara Brummel; brother, Cornie (Wilma) Van Zanten; and sister, Albertha (Dick) Moorlag.

Celebrating the Life of **John Henry Van Zanten**

June 24, 1930 ~ January 24, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Thursday, January 30, 2025
Trinity Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANTS

Pastor Stanley Groothof, Trinity CRC Pastor
Pastor Tanner Van Beek, John's Great-Grandson
Pastor Chris Van Beek, John's Grandson
Pastor Dan DeGroot, John's former pastor and longtime friend

ACCOMPANISTS

Von Postma, pianist
Jacob Faber, drummer

OBITUARY READING

John Van Zanten, John's Grandson

EULOGY

David Van Ningen, former Hope Haven CEO

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Is Here”
Gaither Vocal Band
“Go Light Your World”
Tara Faber, John's Granddaughter

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
“Alleluia, He Is Coming”

PALLBEARERS

John's Grandsons
Jamie Van Beek ~ Barry Van Beek ~ Chris Van Beek
Joe Van Beek ~ Eric Van Beek ~ John Van Zanten
Josh Van Beek ~ Cody Van Otterloo ~ Nick Van Otterloo ~ Tyler Van Otterloo

FAMILY PRAYER BEFORE INTERMENT

Eric Van Beek, John's Grandson

PRIVATE FAMILY INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

John's family invites everyone to stay for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the memorial service.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM
LORD'S DAY 1

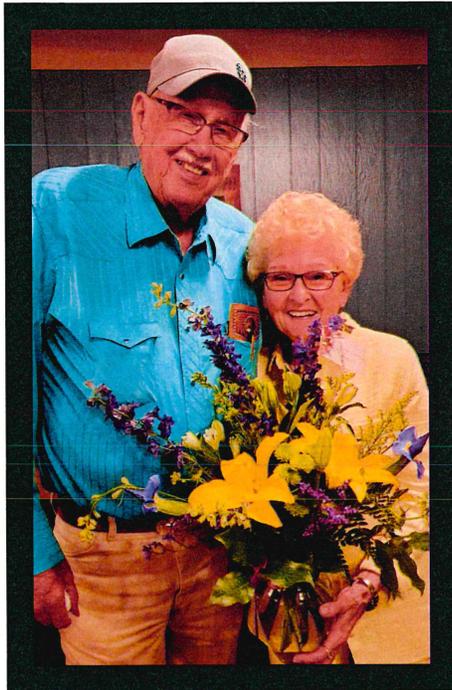
Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A1. That I am not my own
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious
Blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair
can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.



In Loving Memory



John Van Zanten

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall
not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16