

Victor Leo Ruddy, son of John Aloisius (Jack) and Eileen Marie (Reagan) Ruddy, was born July 18, 1934, in Emmetsburg, IA. He attended St. Ellen's Grade School and graduated from Emmetsburg High School in 1953. Victor worked at Ted's Super Value through his high school years and then served in the United States Army.

Victor was united in marriage to Mary Karen Jackson while living in Amarillo, Texas. Victor worked in the Food Service Industry most of his adult life beginning with Rath Packing Company, Wilson Certified Meats, Sysco Foods, and retiring from Ben E. Keith Foods in Amarillo, TX in 2004. He was a born salesman and successfully sold across the state of Texas where he was known and loved by all who met him. After retirement, Victor and Karen returned to their hometown of Emmetsburg. They enjoyed their time with six months of the year in Emmetsburg and six months in Donna, Texas located in the Rio Grande Valley.

Victor was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Emmetsburg, IA and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Donna, Texas. He loved to raise tomato plants on their porch, tend to his yard, and prepare meals for Karen and so many others within the communities he lived in. His specialty was his goulash. Victor was a fun-loving guy and always tried to see the bright side of life. A real "kidder" he was always playing tricks on those around him-a great memory is of the many water gun fights with Vic in the neighborhood with his great nieces and nephews. He always made sure he had the biggest supply of water! He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Victor was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Gerald (JoAnn) Ruddy, Bill Ruddy, Jack (Joan) Ruddy, Maurice Ruddy, Ed (Ann) Ruddy, Pat Ruddy, and sister Mary (Dave) McEvoy.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; son Joe (Susan) Ruddy of Arlington, Texas; son Micheal Ruddy of West Palm Beach, Florida; and other family members who loved him.

The family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy and invite you to a time of fellowship and luncheon following the service at the cemetery.

In Loving Memory of Victor Leo Ruddy

July 18, 1934

Emmetsburg, Iowa

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May 15, 2026

Emmetsburg, Iowa

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Holy Family Catholic Church

Emmetsburg, Iowa

Celebrants - Fr. Paul Kelly & Deacon John Rudd

MUSIC

Athlyn Black - Organist

Holy Family Catholic Choir

"Old Rugged Cross" ~ "Amazing Grace"

"I Am The Bread Of Life" ~ "Irish Blessing"

LECTOR

Julie Dunlap

GIFT BEARERS

Joe Ruddy - Michael Ruddy

URN BEARER

Mike Dunlap

INURNMENT

St. John's Cemetery

Emmetsburg, Iowa

Military Honors Conducted by the
Emmetsburg VFW Post #2295 and
the Iowa Army National Guard

In Loving Memory

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

And the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand



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martinmatticefuneralhome.com