



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

DANIEL J. SOBEK

July 20, 1939 – November 3, 2026

Daniel J. Sobek, 87, of Mason City, passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at The Willows.

Daniel John Sobek, son of George and Anna (Havlik) Sobek, was born July 20, 1939, in Mason City. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church east of Garner. Dan grew up on a farm near Ventura and graduated from Ventura High School in 1958. After graduation, he helped his father on the family farm and served in the U.S. Army Reserve. On March 5, 1967, Dan married Phyllis Brandt at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar. They made their home on a farm southeast of Klemme, where they raised their family. Dan was a grain farmer and raised hogs until he retired at age 60. He later worked at North Iowa Wood in Belmond. Dan enjoyed spending time with his family, taking bus trips with Phyllis and reading the newspaper, especially the sports page. He was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Iowa Hawkeyes.

A lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Dan was active in the Fellowship Club and served as an LYC sponsor for more than 20 years.

Dan is survived by his wife, Phyllis, of Mason City, and their children, Jennifer (Jeffry) Juhl of Cedar Falls, Jonathan Sobek of Klemme and Philip (Lindsey) Sobek of West Des Moines; son-in-law, David Monson of Clear Lake; grandchildren, Kate Monson (Connor Riser), Alec Monson, Joey Monson, Jacob (Julia) Juhl, Joshua Juhl, Carson Sobek and Cullen Sobek; his sister, Margie Ellgen of Kansas City, MO; his brothers-in-law, Ray Kumsher, Alan Brandt and Charlie Watson; sister-in-law, Dorothy (Jim) Weldon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Monson, October 24, 2003; his parents; sister, Maxine Kumsher; nephew, Eric Ellgen; and sister-in-law, Jane Watson.

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FUNERAL SERVICE
St. John Lutheran Church – Garner, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Monday, November 9, 2026

OFFICIATING
Rev. Mark Lund

MUSIC
LeAnne Buns, Organist
Congregational Hymns
"I'm But A Stranger Here" #748
"The Old Rugged Cross" Insert
"His Eye Is On the Sparrow" Insert

USHERS
Mike Hollatz
Matt Hollatz

HONORARY BEARERS
Carson Sobek
Cullen Sobek

CASKET BEARERS
Jacob Juhl
Joey Monson
Connor Riser
Joshua Juhl
Alec Monsoon
Katie Monson

BURIAL
St. John Lutheran Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

Cafaldo FUNERAL HOMES