

PALLBEARERS

Alex (AJ) Flora
Pete Flora

Austin Flora
Andrew Flora
Aiden Flora

Bartek Woroniecki
Tommy Schnabel

I did not know today was the day the angels
would come to call you away. The miracle of
life, the mystery of death, held separate by
a single breath.

by Linda Bucklew



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*The Family of Dean Flora would like to thank everyone
for the calls, messages, visits, and prayers.*



Celebrating the Life of

DEAN RAY FLORA

OBITUARY

Dean Ray Flora (84) was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He passed away Thursday, June 25, 2026. Dean was born March 14, 1942, in Rhodes, Iowa, the second of three sons born to Alfred and Adeline (Donaldson) Flora. He grew up working on his family farm and attended country school in Baxter through sixth grade before coming into town for school beginning in seventh grade.

During high school, Dean participated in football, baseball, basketball, and a ½ lap in track before hanging up his spikes. After graduating from high school in 1960, Dean began working at Baxter Grain and Coal for his uncle, Charles Flora, and eventually became the owner.

On July 14, 1961, Dean married the love of his life and best friend, Karen Garton. They made their home in Baxter and raised their three children: Jan, Jeff, and Joe.

Later in his career, Dean delivered propane to Baxter residents until his retirement in June 2005. On his first day of retirement, the weather was so beautiful that he called Karen at work just to let her know.

Throughout his life Dean loved gardening. Whether he was growing popcorn, vegetables, or flowers, he did it all and generously shared with anyone and everyone. He especially loved coaching his children's sports and being the biggest Hawkeye fan.

Dean never knew a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone — especially if the topic was the Hawkeyes or his family.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Adeline (Donaldson) Flora, stepmother Bessie (Allan) Flora, brother Darrell Flora, nephew Chad Flora, mother, and father-in-law Clair and Coy (Crawford) Garton, and his in-laws Doug (Gerri) Garton and Stan Richeson.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Flora and children, Jan (Tim) Hurley, Jeff (Dawn) Flora, Joe (Angie) Flora. His grandkids, Kristin Hurley (Bartek Woroniecki), Jenny Ann Hurley, AJ (Michelle) Flora, Bridget Hurley (Thomas Schnabel), Austin Flora, Andrew Flora, Aiden Flora, Pete Flora. His brother Dwaine (Jeannie) Flora. And many others including nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

SERVICE

Procession
(Psalm 23 - page 541)

Welcome & Prayer

Obituary

Amazing Grace - Johnny Cash

Eulogy & Reflections

Pastoral Prayer

Young Love - Sonny James

Sermon - A Gardener's Hope
(Revelation 21:3-4 & 22:1-5 - page 1,234)

In The Garden - Elvis Presley

Lord's Prayer

Gospel Hope
(1 Corinthians 15:35-49 - page 1,143)

Closing Prayer

Hawkeye Fight Song

Benediction

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Baxter Recreation Department for the Chad Flora Field.

By Mail: Baxter Rec (Attn: Chad Flora Field) PO Box 451 Baxter, IA 50028
By Venmo: @baxterrecreation (Please note "Chad Flora Field" in the memo)