



Richard Marvin Wissink, son of William and Elsie (Ver Doorn) Wissink, was born January 8, 1934, at his grandparents' farm near Rock Valley, Iowa. He attended school through the 7th grade at Rock Valley Community School. He began his work life at a very young age, driving truck, doing farmwork, and working at Van Zee Ready Mix.

He married Barbara Meyer on November 28, 1953. In 1955 Rich was drafted into the United States Army and he spent one year in Germany. After being honorably discharged, Rich returned home; he and Barb made their home on an acreage on the family farm. To this union Keith and Kathy were born. After 44 years of marriage, Barb passed away on August 10, 1998. In 2000 Rich was united in marriage with Linda DeRuyter and the couple enjoyed 24 years of marriage.

Rich worked 30 years for the State of Iowa doing road maintenance. He often talked about all the snow he plowed over the years. He also farmed 10 years during the 70's. Once he retired and moved to town he began mowing for the City of Rock Valley. This retirement job lasted 15 years.

Rich enjoyed horseback riding, motorcycling, fishing, playing cards and dominos, and woodworking. He volunteered at Whispering Heights and loved coffee with "the guys". He also liked his time at Coop with the afternoon coffee guys, telling his jokes and stories. He was a lifelong member of the Rock Valley First Reformed Church and was active in the VFW. Rich passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 90.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, Keith (Gretchen) Wissink of Alcester, South Dakota; daughter, Kathy (Doug) Klarenbeek of Hudson, South Dakota; stepson, Joel (Danielle) DeRuyter of Verona, New Jersey; stepdaughter, Jill (Chad) Heyden of Larchwood, Iowa; grandchildren, Bradey (Jenna) Klarenbeek, Kadee (Jaron) Van Beek, Shayla (Adam) Louwerse, Brian Weiland, Kassi Wissink, Kayla Wissink, and Kelli (Michael) Bruscher; step grandchildren, Chance Heyden, Brecken Heyden, Slayton Heyden Brynlee Heyden, Davis DeRuyter, and Joss DeRuyter; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Rich was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Barbara; granddaughter, Jennifer Weiland; and twin brother, Willard (Arlene) Wissink.

In Loving Memory
Richard Marvin Wissink

January 8, 1934 ~ December 24, 2024

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Friday, January 3, 2025

First Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Cliff Hoekstra

PIANIST

Vicky Kooistra

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"How Great Thou Art"

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

PALLBEARERS

Bradey Klarenbeek ~ Adam Louwerse

Jaron Van Beek ~ Michael Bruscher

Chance Heyden ~ Brecken Heyden ~ Slayton Heyden

MEMORIAL

First Reformed Church Flood Restoration

MILITARY RITES

American Legion Pfarrer-Fox Post 321

Rock Valley, Iowa

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

Rich's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at Calvin Christian Reformed Church immediately following the memorial service.

When asked for life advice by his 11yr old granddaughter, this was Rich's reply:

“My advice to you is first of all: Stay close to God; He'll lead you through thick and thin. Who you hang around with makes a lot of difference so pick good people as your friends. Life isn't easy with its ups and downs so be willing to work hard to meet your need; have goals—something to work for. These goals change so set new ones as you meet the old ones. And remember to have fun too.”

Love from your Grandpa Rich!!!



In Honored Memory

