



John P. De Roon was born the youngest son of Peter and Lena (De Kam) De Roon on March 26, 1945. Tragedy struck early in John's life when his father was killed in a truck/train accident a month before his 3rd birthday.

John attended Rock Valley Christian Grade School and Western Christian High School long enough to learn everything he needed to know. After that he went to work for Bert Van Kekerix as a farmhand. The Van Kekerix Family became like a second family to John.

In September 1965 John was drafted into the United States Army. He completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. He was then stationed in Germany with the 85th Transport Company as a bus driver for 18 months. Upon his return from the service, John trucked for A.J. Haverhals Trucking and started farming north of Lebanon, on one of the family farms.

On April 17, 1968, he married Carol De Jager at the Maurice Reformed Church. Together they farmed and raised their family. In the fall of 2019, they moved to Rock Valley. After moving to town, John was a dedicated volunteer at Justice For All, baling clothes. When that job became too strenuous for him, he volunteered at Hope Haven, assembling parts for wheelchairs.

On John's days off from farming, he also worked sale days at Tri-State Livestock Auction in Sioux Center. At first as a yardman and later as weigh master on the block. In 1990 he established J&P Trucking with his son, Paul. They hauled everything and went everywhere until they had established themselves as Isowean transportation specialists.

The highlight of John's life was the 20 plus years he and Carol took all of their grandchildren camping for a week at Lake Pahoja. The stories and fun memories were talked about until the next year. There is an ongoing conversation about just how many fishing poles and anchors are at the bottom of Lake Pahoja.

John was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley and served as a Cadet Counselor, Catechism Teacher, Men's Bible Study Leader, and Elder. He also served on the board of Rock Valley Christian School.

John loved the Lord and knew he was saved by grace alone. He loved his family dearly and prayed for them every day. John finished the race set before him and went to be with his Savior on Sunday, July 6, 2025, at the age of 80.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Lena; parents-in-law, Rhodus and Henrietta De Jager; great-granddaughter, Wrenlee Hope DeWit; sister and brother-in-law, Jennie (Wayne) Van Wyhe; brother-in-law, Rodney Tilstra; sister-in-law, Esther De Roon; and Carol's siblings, Joyce (Ed) Kroeze, Duane (Goldie) De Jager, and Dave Roetman.

Those holding his memories dear are his wife of 57 years, Carol; 4 children and their families:

**Paul & Cheryl (Blankespoor) De Roon**

Dolan & Andria De Roon

Brynlee

Emma

Wyatt

Dayna & Brady Kooiker

Brenna

Liam

Garret

Norah

Sarah & Luke Mantel

Mila

Allie

Jay

Blake & Emily De Roon

Mason

Cody

Jamie

Shayna & Byron Maassen

Henry

Baby M.

**Carla & Pat Bierne**

Justin & Rachel Bierne

Walker

Chrisandra Bierne

**Karen & Rob Jansen**

Travis & Kendra Jansen

Kamden

Cory & Mariah Jansen

Colt

Maggie

Allison & Brady Covey

Jettson

**Lisa & Justin De Wit**

Shane & Katie De Wit

Wrenlee

Kashton

Weston

Baby De Wit

John De Wit

Shawn & ReAnna (Wolfswinkel) De Wit

Jake De Wit

Also surviving is John's brother, Clarence De Roon; sister, Nellie Tilstra; and Carol's siblings, Elaine Roetman, and Marlene (Ron) De Jager.

*In Loving Memory*  
**John P. De Roon**  
*March 26, 1945 ~ July 6, 2025*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**  
9:30 AM, Saturday, July 12, 2025  
First Christian Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**  
Rev. Matthew Haan

**PIANIST**  
Carisa Maassen

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**  
*"I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"*  
*"Amazing Grace"*  
*"What A Day That Will Be"*  
*"By the Sea of Crystal"*

**PALLBEARERS**  
Dolan & Andria\* De Roon ~ Dayna\* & Brady\* Kooiker  
Sarah\* & Luke\* Mantel ~ Blake & Emily\* De Roon  
Shayna\* & Byron\* Maassen ~ Justin & Rachel\* Bierne  
Chrisandra\* Bierne ~ Travis & Kendra\* Jansen  
Cory & Mariah\* Jansen ~ Allison\* & Brady\* Covey  
Shane & Katie\* De Wit ~ John De Wit  
Shawn & ReAnna\* (Wolfswinkel) De Wit ~ Jake De Wit

\* Denotes Honorary Pallbearer

**MILITARY RITES**  
Pfarrer-Fox Post 321  
Rock Valley American Legion

**INTERMENT**  
Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*John's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the committal service at the cemetery.*



# *Celebrating the Life of*



# *John De Roon*

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