

Robert Merle Newborg, son of Harry and Helen (Mundt) Newborg, was born January 4, 1938, in Lyon County, Iowa. He grew up on a farm north of Alvard, Iowa and graduated from Alvard High School. Bob married Janet Schemmel on February 14, 1960, at Christ Lutheran Church in Alvard. The couple made their home on the family farm where they raised their 6 children and Bob enjoyed a fulfilling life as a farmer. In 1979, Bob and Jan moved into their home in Alvard.

Bob was a joy to be around. He always had a story to share and enjoyed teasing his children and grandchildren. Bob had a love for wildlife which led him to a passion for conservation. He placed his farm into the Conservation Reserve Program for 10 years. Through this program he built a pond, which he stocked with fish, and it attracted more wildlife to the farm. He raised pheasants and was a longtime member of Pheasants Forever. His love for the outdoors undoubtedly led him to his favorite pastime, fishing. Bob also took in a stray dog who was roaming the farm and so naturally he named his beloved dog, Roamer. Bob passed away at the age of 88 on Monday, June 1, 2026, at his home under the loving care of his family and Gentiva Hospice.

Bob is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jan; 5 children, Vicki (Brian) Kletscher of Lambertton, Minnesota, Merle (Marsha) Newborg of Alvard, Brian (Emily) Newborg of Alton, Iowa, Mike (Emma) Newborg of Inwood, Iowa, and Andrea Newborg of Kiln, Mississippi; 10 grandchildren, Cody Knobloch, Alex Knobloch, Alan Newborg, Matt Newborg, Jake Newborg, Samantha Hoefling, Mindy Plathe, Melissa Snyders, Erika Rozeboom, and Madisyn Newborg; step-granddaughter, Hillary Myers; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Helen Newborg; son, Joel Newborg; and brother Sherley Newborg.

Remembering the Life of
Robert Merle Newborg
January 4, 1938 ~ June 1, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Friday, June 5, 2026
Porter Funeral Home
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Rob Horstman
First Reformed Church of Inwood

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

“When I Get Where I’m Going”
Brad Paisley
“I’ll Fly Away”
Alan Jackson

PALLBEARERS

Cody Knobloch ~ Alex Knobloch
Alan Newborg ~ Matt Newborg
Jake Newborg ~ Samantha Hoefling

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mindy Plathe ~ Melissa Snyders
Erika Rozeboom ~ Madisyn Newborg

INTERMENT

Bethlehem Cemetery
Inwood, Iowa

*Bob’s family would like to say “Thank You”
for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern,
your gesture of caring, and the love you offer.
Please join the family at the original Alvard Community
Center for a time of food and fellowship following
the committal service at Bethlehem Cemetery.*

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates
I felt so much at home
For GOD looked down and smiled at me
And told me "Welcome home"
So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we're apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I'm right there in your heart*



In Loving Memory



Robert "Zeb" Newborg

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