



John Theodore Isaacson

December 1, 1942 - April 17, 2018

John Theodore Isaacson, age 75, of Dassel, died Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at his home. A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel, with Pastor Laurie O'Shea officiating. The interment will be held at the Dassel Cemetery following the service.

A visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 3:00-6:00 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel. There will be a one-hour visitation prior to the service on Monday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

John Theodore Isaacson, the son of Vernon Hamlin and Virginia Marie (Johnson) Isaacson, was born on December 1, 1942, at Meeker County Memorial Hospital, Litchfield. John was a lifetime member of Gethsemane Lutheran. He was baptized, confirmed, and married there. As a child, John loved being a part of farm life. He cherished animals and the land. Side by side with his parents, he helped with chores, milking, and the fieldwork. While attending school, he was involved in FFA, tumbling, school plays and played the accordion. John graduated from Dassel High School in 1960.

On December 10, 1966, John was united in marriage to Patsy Vehanen. Together they made their home on the family farm, which became a Century Farm in 1997. They had recently celebrated 51 years of marriage. They

enjoyed traveling with family and friends. In his seventy-five years, John had many animals: cows, pigs, sheep, chickens, horses, and always at least one loyal companion, his dog. He loved animals and they loved him!

He was a hard worker who was proud to be a dairy and crop farmer. The Isaacsons were named Meeker County Farm Family of the Year in 2003. He also served on Gethsemane Lutheran council, Land O Lakes District Board, Meeker County Farm Bureau Board, American Dairy Association Board, and Dassel Co-op Creamery Board. John loved history, reading, collecting vintage tractors, and a Sunday afternoon drive.

John adored his family and really enjoyed the time they spent together. There has never been a Christmas Eve that all his family did not celebrate together. Attending church, sharing dinner, music and watching children open gifts were all part of the tradition. In recent years, his grandchildren brought fun and joy. He took them on countless tractor rides, and if you caught him working in the field, most likely he would be in the cab with a child and his dog, Buddy. John would not miss a birthday, family event or a cup of coffee. Speaking of, his coffee pot was always on. He enjoyed going out for coffee and pie with his friends. He will be missed by his family and his many friends.

John is survived by his wife, Patsy; children: Sarah (Colin) Graham of Eden Prairie, Susan (Bradley) Isaacson Zimney of Minnetonka, Christine (Owen) Schott of Minnetonka, and David (Rochelle) Isaacson of Dassel; ten grandchildren: William, Annika, Benjamin, Vivian, Bo, Caleb, Virginia, Emil, Margaret and Mildred.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Virginia; his brother, Harlan, and his infant sister.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Keeping your family in my prayers.

Monica Ewing - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM

JL

“ Thinking of your family through prayer during this time.

Jeffrey LaDeur - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM

AW

“ Sending love and prayers of comfort to all of you during this difficult time of grief.

Annie Waters - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ Patsy, So very sorry to hear about John. I have known John for over 50 years, and always enjoyed visiting with him. There was always time to visit, whenever, and wherever we would meet. May he rest in peace. He will always be remembered by me, as a good friend, and an old customer of mine.

Rodney Hess - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM

DF

“ We send our deepest sympathies to all your family as you try to find your way in the days ahead, without John by your side. He truly was a good man.

Doug and Julie Fett - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM

DJ

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with John at the Farm Bureau events. God be with you all in this difficult time.

DelRay Johnson - May 03, 2018 at 05:42 PM