



**Dean Joseph Horras**, age 77, died peacefully Sunday, September 30, 2017 at his home after being diagnosed at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota on August 30, 2017 with advanced stage Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Dean was born March 11, 1940 five miles south west of Harper, Iowa to John E. and Grace Linnenkamp Horras. He spent his childhood on the family farm south west of Harper and attended school at St. Elizabeth's School in Harper.

On October 10, 1964, he married Sara Kay Merz. They spent their next 53 years together on the same farm where Dean was born. He enjoyed spending time with Sara and their family and caring for and improving their property. Along with actively farming for 48 years, he sold Moormans livestock feed for 14 years and spent 18 years as a property insurance adjustor for Prairie Mutual Insurance Association.

His parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Sara, son John A. and wife Christine of Everett, Massachusetts and daughter Deana Jo and grandson Kellan of North English, Iowa.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 17, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sigourney, Iowa. The family will be present at the church at 9:30 am to receive visitors before the 11 am Mass. Lunch will be served at noon in the parish hall where family will continue visitation. All are invited for lunch and visitation.

A private burial will be held at a later date at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Harper, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Keokuk County Hospice Foundation or St. Mary's Catholic Church. Other memorials may be delivered to their home at 23203 270th Avenue, Sigourney, IA 52591 or to St. Mary's Church after 8 am the day of the funeral.

*The service has been lovingly provided by the family.*

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*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
As any friends could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

# Celebration of Life

## Dean Joseph Horras



1961 CASE 730 TRACTOR, ONE ROW NEW IDEA EAR CORN PICKER  
STANHOIST BARGE WAGON

### There'll Be Peace in the Valley (For Me)

*Johnny Cash*

Oh well, I'm tired and so weary  
But I must go alone  
Till the lord comes and calls, calls me away, oh yes  
Well the morning's so bright  
And the lamp is alight  
And the night, night is as black as the sea, oh yes

There will be peace in the valley for me, some day  
There will be peace in the valley for me, oh Lord I pray  
There'll be no sadness, no sorrow  
No trouble I see  
There will be peace in the valley for me, for me





**DO NOT BE DECEIVED; GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED.  
A MAN REAPS WHAT HE SOWS.  
GALATIANS 6:7**

*Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted*

*St. Matthew 5:4*

May Jesus have mercy on the soul of

**Dean Joseph Horras**

March 11, 1940 – September 24, 2017

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sigourney

**Visitation:** Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:30 am to 11 am

**Funeral Mass:** Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 11 am

**Luncheon:** To follow Mass

**Mass**

Opening Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Jane Bruns, Soloist
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalm 23</i>	Frank Besser, Cantor
Celtic Alleluia		
Offertory Hymn	<i>Prayer of Saint Francis</i>	
Communion Hymn	<i>I am the Bread of Life</i>	
Song of Farewell		
Closing Hymn	<i>Let there be Peace on Earth</i>	

Fr. Charles Fladung, Celebrant

Vickie Striegel, Pianist

Bailey and Natalie Redlinger, Altar Girls

Fr. Charles Fladung, M Nadine Greiner,

Elaine and Chuck Roth, Eucharistic Ministers

Amanda Westphal, Lector

Kellan Dean Horras Coppinger, Christine Horras,

Tony and Yvonne Pitsch, Giftbearers

**Honorary Pall Bearers**

Harry Joe and Rita Adam	Terry and Marg Horras
Bob and Loretta Brackin	Aaron Schwanke
Pat and Marlene Clerkin	Pat and Cindy Snakenberg
Phil and Gloria Countryman	Ron and Sue Merz
Bob and Teri Dillon	John and Betty Wade
David and Patty Hammen	Lyle and Judy Webb
Keith and Mary Hammen	

*Dean's family would like to invite everyone to join them immediately following Mass for luncheon at St. Mary's parish hall for continuing visitation.*