

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.

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)

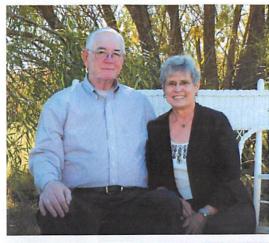
Johnny Cash

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



St. Matthew 5:4









Homecoming 2014

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

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

Amazing Grace

Jane Bruns, Soloist

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Frank Besser, Cantor

Celtic Alleluia

Offertory Hymn

Prayer of Saint Francis

Communion Hymn

I am the Bread of Life

Song of Farewell

Closing Hymn

Let there be Peace on Earth

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

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.