



John Schmalenberger

June 2, 1950 - December 27, 2019

John Schmalenberger, 69, passed away December 27, 2019 at the Simpson Health Center. He was the son of Carl and Ruth Hofmann Schmalenberger and grew up on their family farm near Vincent. In his youth John was active in 4-H and DeMolay.

John graduated from Iowa State University with academic distinction and was inducted into these academic honoraries: Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, Campos, and Kappa Delta Pi. He was also a member of FarmHouse Fraternity. He served 6 years in the U.S. Army Reserve and belonged to the Masons, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, and the United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his brother Steve (Nancy) Schmalenberger, 2 nieces and 6 grandnieces and nephews. Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services are entrusted with the arrangements. A private family service will be held.

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“ I am sorry to hear about John's passing. He was my mother's cousin and I ended up corresponding with him after my parents passed away. He was very thoughtful and kind. I also could tell he was very intelligent and accomplished many things in his life. His card and letter ministry was very meaningful. He was very outspoken about his Christian faith and I am comforted to know he is with out Lord Jesus Christ. See you when I get there too. Susan Winters

Susan Justice Winters - May 14, 2020 at 07:40 PM



“ I just learned today that John had passed. I have known John since my days as director of Blanden Memorial Art Museum in the 1980s. He would drop by and we would share stories of our museum careers and life. He was a unique and valued individual. I shall forever remember our friendship and correspondence and miss our shared communications on this earth. RIP, John. You will be remembered for all your thoughtfulness. Margaret Carney, Ann Arbor, MI.

Margaret Carney - February 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ We are so sorry to just learn of John's passing. John remained friends over the years with a number of former colleagues from his days at South Dakota State University. We will miss the telephone calls, listening as he shared his vast knowledge of early American antiques, his sharp wit, being recipients of his card ministry and thoughtful small gifts, and his kind, caring personality. John continued to reach out to others even in the face of his own adversity. The last gesture that I received from John, shortly before his passing, was a birthday card for my 90-year-old mother. Shalom, John.
Lynette Rossum and Adrien Hannus

Lynette Rossum - January 30, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ John was an amazing and unique man. He was a very sensitive person who found and nurtured friendships even while relatively immobile.

Mark Thompson - January 04, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ John used to visit the Blanden Art Museum when I was the educator there. He made many gifts of art books to the education department of the museum to be used by the docents and others. He also kept me on his mail list for Christian messages and sometimes candy too through his mailing ministry. He was certainly a kind and thoughtful soul.

Liinda Flaherty - January 02, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ Steve and family

I was sorry to hear about John. I have many fond memories of you and John and your parents during our 4H and FFA years.

Roger Click

Roger Click - January 02, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ Our family has many fond memories of John. He had an amazing memory with the ability to recall past events with great detail and accuracy. John was a kind and generous friend. I am certain he is with his Savior, completely healed.

Bill Thompson - December 30, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ John was a really nice, christian man. He always sent me cards and candy at City Hall. Rest in Heaven my friend

Dawn Siebken - December 30, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ John was a special friend from our years growing up at Vincent. He had a tremendous music ability. He loved his friends and family deeply. I enjoyed hearing from him periodically these last few years. I will greatly miss him. Our sympathies to his family.

Becky Rose - December 30, 2019 at 07:45 AM



“ John was such a kind and caring person! I missed seeing him in church the last few years we lived in FD and attended FUMC. We had some great talks together.

Shelley Ellerston - December 28, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ John was a constant in my ministry in Fort Dodge. One of the most genuinely caring people I have ever encountered. He was such a blessing to so many of us

Jennifer Sullivan - December 28, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ I will miss John so much. He was such a special friend to me and I loved ministry he had sharing with so many people. I can't believe he is gone. What a gift of giving he had and I learned so much from him.

Linda Wakeman - December 28, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ John was a distant cousin of our family. Ruth and him would write letters back and forth with my mother and aunt. Upon my mothers death, I started writing John. We spoke a few times on the phone and he had visited the area where we live. I just learned of his death. He loved the Lord Jesus and he's now in 'No more pain or sorrow!' Rest in peace! Marilee Eisele

Marilee Eisele - April 13, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ John would come in the Blanden to visit and see how things were going. Over the years we became good friends, John would send me a card for my birtjday on "Cinco De Mio and cards for the holidays. He would call often and tell me jokes!! Yes John had a sense of humor that will also be missed by me.

Pamela Kay - July 01, 2020 at 01:32 PM