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It is with great sadness that wife Nancy Reuber of Eden Prairie, MN, son Mark Reuber of Ames, IA, daughters Linda Reuber of Minneapolis, MN, and Lisa Garberg of Chanhassen, MN, grandchildren Alexa and Nick Garberg and son-in-law Pete Garberg of Chanhassen, MN, share news of the passing of John Henry Reuber. Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and father-in-law, John died peacefully at home with his family by his side. He passed away December 29, 2019. He was 88 years old.

Born March 15, 1931 in Mason City, John was the son of the late Dr. Roy Nelson and Gladys Reuber who instilled in him two important values that remained with him until his death: a strong work ethic and the importance of treating others with respect and kindness. Similarly, his generous nature and characteristic sense of humor defined him throughout his life.

John was especially proud of being born in Mason City's North End and would frequently share stories of eating 'sugar sandwiches' and having 'sling shot fights' with his friends in the alley there. A standout full back on the football team and an elite wrestler, John graduated from Mason City High School as senior class president in 1949 and was subsequently inducted into the high school's hall of fame in 2018 for his wrestling achievements. He then attended Iowa State University and was a member of Alpha Zeta, a national honorary agriculture fraternity, Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic fraternity, and Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity graduating with a degree in agricultural business in 1953. Yet it was his attraction to Nancy Parr, who lived in the sorority next door, that most defined these college years. They were married in 1954. John's subsequent interest in law prompted their move to Des Moines while he attended Drake University Law School. There he graduated in 1958 and received the prestigious "Order of the Coif" for graduating second in his class and was given the Juris Doctor Degree with Distinction. John and Nancy then returned to Mason City to start his law practice. For 55 years, he practiced probate and real estate law there. His love for people, service and his community led him to participate and volunteer in many local organizations. Most dear to him were the Lion's Club, the Easter Seal Drive, Junior Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA and the Cerro Gordo County Bar Association. His Mason City years were also characterized by his love of the water, namely sailing, boating and fishing trips to Canada. John and Nancy eventually moved to Clear Lake in 1999 after spending many summers there over the years. It was a cherished gathering spot and place where John loved to entertain his family and friends. Growing up, John spent summers and weekends on his family farm. He continued this love by taking his children and grandchildren there to plant trees, pick sweet corn and especially feed the farm animals. In addition to time at the lake and the farm, John loved watching his kids and ISU sporting events and attending the Drake Relays. In 1991 he

decided to re-enter competitive sports for fun and participated in the Iowa Games in shot put, discus and free throw events. Their final move was to Summit Place in Eden Prairie, Minnesota in 2015.

Despite many milestones and memories, however, it was John's family that brought him the most happiness and joy. Throughout sixty-five years of marriage, his soulmate, Nancy, was a constant by his side. His love and pride for his three children was unending and his two grandchildren brought him pleasure beyond words. John truly felt most blessed when all his family was together.

I may not always be with you

But when we're apart

Remember you will be with me

Right inside my heart

A private family funeral is planned in Eden Prairie, MN. Internment will be at a future date at Elmwood- St. Joseph Cemetery in Mason City, IA. Online condolences can be shared on: www.washburn-mccreavy.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any local hospice or Alzheimer's Association in John's memory. Written condolences can be sent to: Mrs. John

Reuber, 8505 Flying Cloud Drive, #241, Eden Prairie, MN, 55344. The family would especially appreciate friends sharing memories of their times with John.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Best Dad in the World ! Thank YOU So Much !! Great Job !!!!*

Mark A. Reuber - February 24, 2020 at 03:42 PM

MJ

“ *I didn't know John well and always referred to him as Mr. Reuber. But I remember his kindness and sense of humor when I would come by the house in grade school and junior high to visit his daughter Lisa. He must have thought it was strange to have a 12 year old sitting in his den watching TV with the family, but he always made me feel welcome. He and Nancy raised a wonderful family and contributed greatly to the Mason City and Northern Iowa community. My family and I, especially my mother June, send our heartfelt condolences to the entire Reuber family. Sincerely, Michael Judge*

Michael Judge - February 07, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Henry Reuber.*



January 03, 2020 at 01:21 PM

LG

“ Nancy and family, I am so sorry to hear of John’s passing, I didn’t know him well but Nancy always had wonderful things to say about him, when I did meet hi. He was so very kind. Hugs to you all! Miss you Nancy, take care!

From LeAnn Ginther

LeAnn Ginther - January 02, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MK

“ Nancy and family, I was sad to read about John in the Globe Gazette. He was so fun to work for those 13 years. It brought back memories of him bringing popcorn from the theater, Friday afternoon hot fudge sundaes from Birdsalls, and many laughs. He was a good guy. My sympathies to you all.

Marlene Kruger

Marlene Kruger - January 02, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JH

“ I first met John in 1982 when I began working as a trust officer at United Central Bank & Trust Co. in M.C. John was a kind man, always willing to talk and share his sense of humor. I was unmarried at the time and John encouraged me to attend the co-ed fitness class at the "Y" to meet eligible young ladies. John was well known in the class and enjoyed chatting with almost everyone.

After a month or so I began talking to my "future wife to be", Karen, a 5th grade teacher at Nora Springs Rock Falls School. After one of the classes and as we were walking down to the locker room, I asked John what he thought of Karen. He told me he thought she was a "wholesome" young lady and if we could see beyond the sweat of a hard 50 minute workout, we could probably see well beyond that.

Karen and I have been happily married for almost 34 years and have two fine sons, a daughter-in-law, and a grand-dog. We live in Plymouth, MN, not far from John's residence in Eden Prairie, MN. We are forever thankful to John for that class at the Y and want his family to know that he touched a lot of people in a very positive way. He will be missed.

*Jim and Karen Hackbart
Plymouth, MN*

James W Hackbart - January 02, 2020 at 06:10 PM