



The family of Roy Dean Hauenstein proudly celebrates the life and times of a most remarkable man. On October 26, 2007, Roy lost his gallant battle against a debilitating illness, passing away in the same dignified and honorable manner that epitomized his entire life.

The son of Frank and Madge Hauenstein, Roy was born August 15, 1926, on the family farm near Cotter. He attended the Cotter school system, graduating with honors in 1944. He was an accomplished cornetist and was a member of the Cotter varsity squads in baseball and basketball. Shortly after his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, receiving a commission as a second lieutenant with the 311th Infantry Regiment. Stationed in Germany, he assisted in the detention of Nazi military officers at an Allied detainment base. Always honored to have served his country, he was a consummate advocate of our nation's military personnel.

Roy rejoined his father in farming operations after his discharge from the military. On August 3, 1952, he married Barbara Ann Atzen of Albert City, Iowa. Soon thereafter, Roy and Barb assumed all farming operations and started their own family. An innovative farmer, he took pride in all aspects of his work and was a trailblazer in employing new techniques and technologies towards improved livestock and crop production. After 30 years of farming, Roy yearned for new challenges and adventures. He embarked on a series of business opportunities, ending his career as a top salesperson with Stutsman Incorporated of Hills, Iowa. Roy held membership in the American Legion for 61 years, the Freemasons for 57 years, and the Shrine. He was a life-long member of the Cotter and, more recently, Columbus Junction Presbyterian Churches. He served on the Columbus Community School Board, was a music and athletic booster, and was an active member of the Lion's Club. He seldom missed daily meetings with the infamous Happy Farmer's Club.

Words do little justice in truly describing the nature of this extraordinary individual. Roy was a man that knew no strangers, and a man who remained optimistic in the face of any curve balls thrown in his direction. He was an avid storyteller who relished the goodness and decency of life, and an indispensable advisor to those he loved and nurtured. He enjoyed dancing, fishing, hunting, ping-pong, cards, and just about any other kind of activity that came his way. He was an avid supporter of the Cubs, Bears and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Above all, he was a loving and caring husband and father, who took great pride in his family. He exemplified the rare fabric that binds family, friends and community. While Roy will be sorely missed, his wisdom and eternal optimism will remain a driving force for those that knew and cherished him.

Roy leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Barbara; three children and their spouses, Jill (Hauenstein) and Le Bowen, Jay and Lorie Hauenstein, all of Columbus Junction, and Jeff and Lori Hauenstein of Nevada, Iowa; six grandchildren, Briana, Benjamin, Eric, Emily, Holly and Nick; one great-grandchild, Avery; two sisters, Meda Otteman of Storm Lake, Iowa and Roberta Johnson of Overland Park, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Jack.

A memorial service officiated by the Rev. Dr. William Jamison and Pastor Cathy Whitlatch will be held at the Columbus Junction United Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007. A private interment will be held at the Columbus City Cemetery, followed by fellowship with the family at The American Legion in Columbus Junction. The family encourages donations be made to the American Cancer Society. The Cremation Society of Eastern Iowa assisted the family.