



Joseph Oran Eicher, 97

June 27, 1921 - December 29, 2018

Joseph O. Eicher, 97, of Camanche, Iowa, passed away Saturday , December 29, 2018 at his daughter's home in Camanche. Services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the Camanche Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will be from 10AM until the service hour at the funeral home. Burial will be at Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting snellzornig.com.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph & Emma (Schultz) Eicher, his first wife, Beverly (Erickson) Eicher, sister-in-law Patricia Eicher, brother Carl Eicher, sister-in-law Juanita Eicher, sister Alice (Eicher) Campbell, brother-in-law Leonard Campbell, brother-in-law George Ross, and son-in-law Rick Wiedner.

Joe was born in Council Bluffs, IA; He was in the military service 1942-45 as a nurse in Bethel Alaska. In 1945 he married Beverly Erickson, and both worked at Schick General Military Hospital in Clinton IA. Joe also worked as an accountant & real estate agent with his father, and later, self-employed under Eicher Realty in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Truth of God was always upheld by Joe and Beverly. Their faithfulness in continuing to serve the Lord moved them to welcome the servants and children of God to enjoy fellowship together in their home for years and years; and this would have its affect on the generations that would follow. Joe was an inspiring example of living a faithful life; relentless in his prayers, firm in his integrity, and content.

Joe was married to Betty Jo Richart in 2004 and resided in Hillsboro, OR; Due to health concerns, he returned to Iowa in December, 2017 where he resided with his daughter, Denice, in Camanche. Denice became his loving caregiver until the day of his death.

He is survived by his second wife, Betty Jo; two daughters: Zona (Richard) Arvig and Denice Wiedner; step-sons Gary & Robert Gest; grandchildren: Nicole (Dan) Loyek; Aaron (Kari) Arvig; Adam (Mary) Arvig; Robyn (Travis) Kapparos and Rachel (Bryan) McClimon;

great-grandchildren: Preston, Savannah and Reece Loyek; Margaret, Levi, and Chase Arvig; Vanessa Peterson and Cortney Keeler; Camryn and Connor Kapparos; Brennan McClimon, Aden and Piper McClimon; Brother Dan (Mildred) Eicher; Sister Joyce Ross; many loving nieces & nephews.

Our sincere, heartfelt “thank you” to the Veterans Administration and Hospice for their loving and gentle care shown to Joe.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for a favorite charity.

Cemetery

Linwood Cemetery

Dubuque

2735 Widsor Ave.

Dubuque, IA, 52001

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory -
Camanche

16th Avenue & 9th Street, Camanche, IA, US, 52730

JAN **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Denice and Zona we are thinking of you and your families today. We have many good memories of Joe. It was special times when he and your mom would come to visit in Council Bluffs. He would say the trip seemed short if they could get a good argument going! He as joking of course,

We are most glad for his faithful example in living for Truth. That can be a source of encouragement in this time of losing him. Makes me want to just be ready for the end of my days too.

Thinking of you today with love and hugs
Jim and Diana Swanson

diana swanson - January 05, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Joseph Oran Eicher, 97.



January 04, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Oran Eicher, 97.



January 04, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ Jeff Campbell

Had a lot of fun times at Uncle Joe and Aunt Bev's house. One time Uncle Joe got a different vehicle and my dad and I looked at it. He had put Band-Aids over some of the bad spots. Lol! Always enjoyed Uncle Joe singing with my mom. Lots of good memories.

Love, Jeff Campbell and family

Jeff Campbell - January 04, 2019 at 07:25 AM



“ Joe and Bev had one of those open, inspiring homes in my very early days ~ one that isn't forgotten! And later, it was always so nice to see him and Betty Jo join us again, in our gathering, from Oregon! He will, indeed, be missed ~ but fondly remembered.

Karen Bowman

Karen - January 02, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ I have very fond memories of traveling to Uncle Joe's home in Dubuque with Mom, Dad and my brother, along with U. Joe's brothers & sisters (and families) for a wonderful meal. Besides playing in the woods (which seemed like a giant forest at the time) I have vivid memories of listening to the piano, singing hymns and yodeling! It was so amazing and beautiful. I loved those visits.

Doug Campbell and family

Doug Campbell - January 01, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Wonderful memories of Joe and Beverly and their faithfulness in their little meeting in Dubuque! Being good friends with Zona and Denice growing up....and their grandchildren being good friends with our children! Have known the Eicher family since a child and some of our favorite memories are meeting with them in Union meeting at Clarence and Lizzy VanNettas. Wonderful memories!

Our sympathy to a wonderful family! Jim and Linda Lang

Jim and Linda Lang - January 01, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Nothing but fond memories of Uncle Joe & now he’s gone on to his reward. So glad for the times our lives touched and hope the many memories his family has will comfort them.

deb ford - January 01, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ Even though we know Uncle Joe will be greatly missed, our hearts are warmed as we see yet another faithful finish. We are encouraged and thankful for his deeply submitted service of God. He has always been an excellent example for us.

Love, Dave & Irina Eicher

David Eicher - January 01, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ We've enjoyed fellowship with Joe through the years and we will miss him. Thankful for his faithful life. We're sorry we won't be able to be at the funeral but our thoughts and prayers will be with all the family.

Love, Bob & Irene Johnson

Bob Johnson - December 31, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ Jim &. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Oran Eicher, 97.



Jim &. - December 31, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ Dear Family of Joe,
Joe meant a lot to us. It was always special to see a call come in from him, even after he moved to OR. Thinking of you all in your loss. We are thankful for a faithful influence in our lives. Especially thinking of Zona and Denice and your families....Dan and Joyce.
Loving sympathy, Anita

Anita Forsberg - December 31, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ Such a special man who always had a warm smile and encouraging word. He and Bev welcomed us to town back in 2002. We loved spending time with them in their home! Thinking of all of you! With love, Kurt & Melissa Chipperfield

Kurt & Melissa Chipperfield - December 30, 2018 at 09:26 PM



“ Such a special man who raised two special daughters. Sending Zona and Denise our love.
Hugs...Jerry/Jody Reguero

Jody Reguero - December 30, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ Joe was a very kind guy. He would ask my son Eric go go out for lunch without thinking about how hard it might be to get Eric out of a vehicle or back in. Appreciated his thinking of others. He was one of the first to call us when Conrad died. Thoughtful. Jean Nelson



Jean Arvig Nelson - December 30, 2018 at 07:28 PM



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Karen - January 02, 2019 at 10:56 AM