



## Clarion Norman Thompson

March 14, 1936 - December 08, 2025

Clarion Norman Thompson, 89, formerly of Story City, passed away peacefully on the morning of December 8, 2025, at Walnut Ridge in Clive, Iowa. Clarion was born on March 14, 1936, to Silas and Cleopha (Britson) Thompson. He grew up on the family farm south of Roland and graduated from Milford Township Consolidated School in 1954. After high school, he completed the ISU Farm Operations Degree at Iowa State University. Clarion began his professional life with the Highway Commission—later the Department of Transportation—in Ames, where he dedicated 36 years of service and was fondly known by the nickname Moe. His love of farming, passed down from his father, Silas, became a lifelong passion and one he later shared with his son, Clark.

On June 15, 1957, Clarion married his high school sweetheart, Doradene Brodie, at First Christian Church in Ames. Together, they lovingly raised their children, Denise and Clark, in Roland, before settling in Story City in 1983. Family was always at the center of Clarion's life. He played an enormous role not only in the lives of his wife and children but also in the lives of his four grandchildren. Grandpa Clarion never missed an event—whether music programs or sporting competitions—and could always be counted on for basement ping pong and pool games, lawn-mower rides, trips to the carousel, or outings to the driving range. Activities always included snacks and pop. Many cherished memories were made at the family cabin in Dryden, Ontario, where Clarion and Doradene enjoyed fishing and time with family. After retirement, they enjoyed many bus tours as well as spending winters in Texas, where Clarion enjoyed the chance to golf in the winter.

Clarion's faith was a steady and guiding force throughout his life. He grew up attending Pleasant Grove Church before becoming an active member of Salem Lutheran Church in Roland and later Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City. He was confirmed at Salem, sang in the choir for 55 years, taught Sunday School, and served on the church council. His service reflected the deep kindness and humility with which he lived. Clarion was truly a friend to all and was always seeking ways to give back. His community involvement included serving on the Bethany Life Board, the Roland Cemetery Board, and as a Master in the Masonic Lodge. In retirement, he also provided transportation for senior citizens, volunteered at the golf course, led exercise groups, and called Bingo at the Timberland Retirement Community.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Clarion enjoyed baseball, basketball, fast-pitch softball, bowling, and fishing. He was an unwavering fan of Iowa State Cyclones basketball and the St. Louis Cardinals. He loved sharing stories from his Milford Township school athletic days, from childhood through high school, always focusing less on wins and losses and more on the joy of playing.

In his final years, Clarion resided in memory care, where his gentle character, twinkle in his eyes, and warmth never faded. He maintained his positive spirit and sense of humor to the very end, still laughing and teasing his family in his final days.

Clarion was preceded in death by his parents, Silas and Cleopha Thompson. He is survived by his

devoted wife, Doradene of Clive, IA; his children, Denise (Ron) Book of Waukee and Clark (Julie) Thompson of Story City; and his beloved grandchildren: Allison (Chad) Bass of DeSoto; Max (Laurie) Book of Waukee; Megan (Adam) Johnson of Oronoco, MN; and Meridith (Ryan) Wies of Waukee. He is also lovingly remembered by his great-grandchildren: Zach Bass, Tatum Bass, Celia Bass, Blakely Bass, Luke Book, Landon Book, Skylar Johnson, Baya Johnson, Aubrey Wies, and Andrew Wies.

Clarion will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his steadfast faith, and the deep love he held for his family and community. His light will continue to shine through those who knew him. Visitation will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City on Sunday, December 14th, with family present from 2-4 PM. Funeral service will be at 10:30 AM Monday, December 15th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. A memorial fund has been set up in Clarion's name.

# Cemetery

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**ROLAND CEMETERY**

59168 130th St.,  
Roland, IA 50236

# Events

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## SERVICE

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Immanuel Lutheran  
Church 604 Lafayette  
Ave., Story City, IA  
50248 The service will  
be live streamed on  
Immanuel Lutheran  
Church Story City  
Facebook page.



## VISITATION

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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# Tribute Wall

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**D** dale hughes



**J** Jo Shold

My condolences and prayers for Clarion 's family at this time.

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**D** Darrel Posegate

Clarion was always an encourager to me while I was growing up. Always very interested in my sports activities. He would bring me old Sporting News for me to read. Great man to have in my life growing up.

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**J** Jurine Borton Moore

My dear Doradene and the family of Clarion Thompson 89[D 12/8/25], My condolences and prayers to each of you with the lose of our very dear Milfordite, Moe. The obit said it all well. He was a great person. I'm sure he never said a cross word to anyone or about anyone. All those who knew him will continue to treasure his memory. I had the honor of enjoying him in school and 4-H. Gods Peace be with you. Jurine Borton Moore, Class of '56



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## A Memorial Tree was planted for Clarion N. Thompson

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Soderstrum Funeral Home -  
Story City