



Aaron John Braathun

November 9, 1921 - August 28, 2013

Aaron Braathun was born on November 9, 1921 in Ames, Iowa to parents John O. and Aletta E. (Rorvig) Braathun. He was baptized and confirmed in Bergen Lutheran Church in Roland. Aaron graduated from Roland High School in 1940 and attended Luther College in Decorah.

In 1945, he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Ethyleen Cole as they made their home and raised their family in Roland. For most of his working years, Aaron was on staff at the Farmers Co-op in Roland as a fuel truck driver and later as a crop specialist for the Heart-of-Iowa Cooperative. During this time Aaron and Ethyleen enjoyed trips to Austria, Germany, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Aaron's strong faith and his passion for helping others led to his service on the Church Council and teaching high school Sunday School classes for many years. Following their move to Timberland Village, he enjoyed and appreciated his membership at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City. He was very active in the community and served on the Roland School Board helping to accomplish success during the Roland-Story School reorganization and later on the school bond projects to obtain a new middle school and high school for the Roland-Story district.

Aaron was happiest when he had family and friends around. He loved sports and he greatly enjoyed watching his grandchildren in their school activities. He was also an optimistic fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Aaron passed away on August 28, 2013 at Bethany Manor at the age of 91. He was blessed by the loving care he received both at Timberland Village and Bethany Manor. He is survived by Ethyleen, his wife of 67 years; three children, Linda (Dave) Donohue of Roland, Don Braathun (Cathy) of Story City and Janice (Mark) Billerbeck of Radcliffe; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Blessed be the memory of Aaron Braathun.

(Burial will be at a later date.)

Cemetery

Roland Cemetery

Roland, IA, 50236

Events

AUG **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

604 Lafayette Ave., Story City, IA, US, 50248

AUG **Funeral Service** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Dear Ethyleen, Linda, Don, Janice, and family: My prayers go out to you for your loss, and also a great loss for the Roland community. Aaron was one of the most pleasant persons I met in the community, and was always working for the community good. -
Jerry Dickinson

Jerry Dickinson - August 31 at 04:46 PM



“ Dear Ethyleen, Linda, Don, Janice, and family: Joan and I want to express our sincere sympathy to all of you, on the passing of Aaron. My memory bank usually is full of memories; but today, it's not doing so hot. But , Aaron was a man that was helping where ever it was needed { any school activity at Roland and Roland-Story}, Bergen Lutheran Church. A Very Helpful Person !!! He always had a smile and if your automobiles passed each other--He Wood Always Wave. May God Bless You All and The Memory of Aaron Braathun !! With Love and Prayers Joan and Ron Quam

Joan & Ron Quam - August 30 at 09:53 PM



“ Ethyleen, Linda, Don, Janice & family
My thoughts and prayers of comfort and healing are with each of you even though I am unable to attend the visting or the service to express rthem in person. Aaron was a gentle man, a wonderful soul, and the spirit of his goodness endures. He was a great role model on how to live life and treat others with respect and dignity. I am definitely a better man, husband and father for having known him. God Bless!

Bud Legg

Bud Legg - August 30 at 10:32 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to your family as I lift you up in prayer.

-- Rita Ullestad Gilbertson

Rita Gilbertson - August 30 at 08:56 AM



“ I will always cherish the wonderful moments we had at Timberland Village. Always the wonderful smile to greet you and his great choice of words for you. Will miss you dearly. Deepest sympathy to all the family. Rest in peace Aaron.

Linda Mayfield - August 29 at 07:56 PM



“ What a blessing Aaron has been in so many ways.....for his family, friends, church, school, community....and the list goes on and on. Super person!
Surrounding your family with love and prayers.
Paul, Sandi, and Alison Risdal



Sandi Risdal - August 29 at 07:50 PM



“ Janice, Mark, Rachel, Greta, Cole and family: I'm so sorry to hear of your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Let us know if you need anything@all.

God Bless,
Jennifer Billerbeck & Michael



Jennifer - August 29 at 04:29 PM



“ Ethlene, Linda, Don, Janice, and family,

My heartfelt sympathies to you all on your husband, dad, and grandpa's passing.

Great photo; reminds me of his expression cheering on the ROLAND softball and basketball games!! He was totally supportive of each of you being in your music and

sports activities.

I didn't know he was in the Memory loss unit; I visited there this summer and would have stopped in for old time sake even though he wouldn't have known me.

May God comfort you all in the days, months, and years ahead.

Get out your special photos/videos, etc. enjoying his voice/laughter and watching his mannerisms/gestures. MAKE COPIES FIRST and lock it away so it doesn't wear out.

Betty TUNGESVIK Gordon - August 29 at 03:55 AM



“ Aaron & Ethyleen were wonderful neighbors to my parents for years. Whitney and I send our love and sympathy to all of you.

Ann Danielson - August 30 at 06:08 AM