



## Art Townsend

September 30, 1932 - May 30, 2013

Arthur "Art" Franklin Townsend, age 80 of Blakesburg, passed away Thursday, May 30, 2013, under the care of Monroe County Hospice at his home in Blakesburg.

Art was born September 30, 1932, to Arthur Raymond and Clara Elizabeth (McAllister) Townsend in Blencoe, Iowa. He married Laurine Shelangoski on June 6, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fairfield.

Art graduated from Blakesburg High School, class of 1949. He joined the United States Army and served during the Korean War. He later farmed in Blakesburg, and also worked at Morrell's in Ottumwa until they closed.

Art was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, Farm Bureau for more than 40 years and was president for 7 years, Lions Club in Blakesburg, Knights of Columbus Council #4167, Iowa State Extension Council, vice president of Monroe County Cattlemen's Association, and was also a 4-H leader. Art also served as the Urbana Township Trustee and was on the Weed Commission for a few years. In his free time, Art enjoyed being outdoors fishing and farming.

Art is survived by his wife, Laurine Townsend of Blakesburg; his children, Vince (Meg) Townsend of Ottumwa, Steve Townsend of Blakesburg, Mary

(Dale) Dohlman of Brighton, Vicki (Michael) Crabtree of Yuma, AZ, Stan Townsend (special friend, Missy Hitner), and Pat Townsend of Albia; ten grandchildren, Matthew, Lisa, Michelle, Bobby, James, Michael, Jamie, Zach, Samer, and Krista; seven great grandchildren, Makayla, Hunter, Lilyana, Clara, Noel, Riley, and Nathan; a sister, Faye (Dick) Mullinix of Red Oak; a brother, Donny (Merilly) Townsend of Blakesburg; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael; a daughter-in-law Roberta Townsend; a sister-in-law, Twyla Townsend; and several grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Monday, June 3, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. and Fr. Thomas Winikates co-officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose, and Lovilia will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 12-8 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with the family present from 6-8 p.m. Sunday evening. A rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus Council #4167 at 6 p.m., with a Christian wake service beginning at 6:30 p.m., Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Monroe County Hospice or St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Art Townsend*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Art Townsend*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Art, I would like to pay my respects. May his soul be at peace with our Maker, and may God comfort our dear family with peace & strength through these difficult times. My thoughts & prayers are with each one of you. May God rest his soul.*

**Louise Perez - Clute, TX - Meg's sister** - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I remember Art well. He was a very nice guy.*

**Rebekah Talbert Dale - Kirksville, MO - friend** - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with you in this time of pain and sorrow. He will always be remembered as a good and caring man that is an example to be achieved for all of us.*

**Jerry Geib - ottumwa, IA - Friend** - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Its been a really tough year for all of you. We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you...*

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**John and Cee Talbert - Mystic , IA - Friends** - June 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM