



Val J. Mannens

July 28, 1939 - April 14, 2012

Val J. Mannens, age 72 of West Des Moines, formerly of Albia, died Saturday, April 14, 2012 under the care of Mercy Hospice, at his home in West Des Moines.

Val was born July 28, 1939 in Mason City, IA to Henry and Margaret "Peg" (Cookman) Mannens. He married Mary "Margie" Kenworthy on September 2, 1961 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia.

A graduate of Manly High School in Mason City, Val attended Mason City Junior College where he was an All-American quarterback in 1959. He was an outstanding athlete, playing baseball, football, and basketball throughout high school and college. He spent over 40 years selling steel tubing for Vision Metals. During his retirement, he was one of the helpful smiles delivering for the Mills Civic Hy-Vee.

Val also loved hunting, fishing, and watching his grandkids' sporting events.

Val is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margie Mannens of West Des Moines; children, Mark (Keri) Mannens of Sparks, NV; Mary (Pete) Hunter of Clive, and Jill (Eric) Ranft of Enumclaw, WA; seven grandkids, Matthew, Justin, and Derek Mannens, Emilee and Nathan Hunter, Duncan, and Casey Ranft; and a sister, Connie (Norman) Peterson of Albert Lea, MN. Val was also survived by

many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Val was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in West Des Moines, with Father Michael Hess officiating. Interment will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in West Des Moines, with Val's family present; along with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

Tribute Wall



“ *Val J. Mannens*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I was so sad to learn of Val's While many years have gone by and many miles separate all of us the great memories remain. Somehow he always seemed to know what Mark, Kevin and I were up to. I am sure it prevented us from getting in trouble.*

My best to everyone and you are all in thoughts and prayers.

Andy Crawford

Andy Crawford - Atlanta, GA - Friend - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Marjorie, Mark, Mary & Jill: I am so sorry to learn of Val's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. He is no longer in any pain. He is in a better place now with God. Val was such a charismatic person, and he was such an inspirational man. May God Bless You. Patrick*

Patrick Kenworthy - denver, CO - brother; uncle - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ MARGE- WE WISH TO OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VAL.
YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS.
CHUCK AND ELLA FISK

bud and ella fisk - west des moines, IA - friend - April 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Margie & Family,*

We were sorry to hear of Val's death. You have our deepest sympathy. We will keep the family in our prayers. I had been keeping up with the Caring Bridge and reading about Val and the family. That is a wonderful web page. It is always hard to lose someone, but he has been so ill that he is probably in a better place and out of pain. May he rest in peace.

John& Darlene Hannam O'Brien - Pharr, TX - Friend - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I will never forget what you said to me one time Val. You once told me how proud you were to have 3 Marines in your family. The Marine motto: "The Few The Proud", fit you to a tee. Val, you were indeed the fewest of the few and indeed the proudest of your family. Val you gave so much all the way to the end. You will always be remembered, never forgotten, my dear friend. God Bless You and may the Eternal Light Shine upon you, my dear Val. Patrick*

Pat Kenworthy - Denver, CO - brother-in-law - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Val was more like a brother than a brother-in-law to me. I will remember Val for that enigmatic, explosive, "Golden Personality". He had a firm handshake yes, but, his smile and his little laugh would leave you with a sense of happiness that not only I, but others will cherish and always remember. Val you are one of a kind. In my eyes and I am sure others would say that you were the "Rock of Gibraltar", and then some. Val not only gave everyone a sense of ease, but, he also gave everyone encouragement and enlightenment. You enriched everyone's life. Val you are in Gods Hands now. If there ever was a Saint named St. Val, I would think of you. Rest in peace my dear friend. Patrick

Pat Kenworthy - Denver, CO - brother-in-law - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was always remember Val by his firm handshake and gentelman ways. Even through all of his pain always a handshake and a smile I will always remember his advise he would share with me. Even his hunting and fishing advise because he knew damn good and well I didnt have the patience for it!!!! HA We will miss you

Tim Ahn - uncle / godfather - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM