



Russell Wolff

November 26, 2008

Russell Wolff was born the son of Albert and Matilda (Krogh) Wolff on October 18, 1925. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1944. On September 26, 1948, he was united in marriage with Mary Miller, daughter of Orville and Mildred (Denhart) Miller.

Russ worked for Wagner Manufacturing, Viking Pump, John Deere, and Schoitz Engineering. He retired from Schoitz in 1990. Following retirement, Russ devoted a lot of time to his church, Nazareth Lutheran, of which he has been a member for 83 years. He also loved to bake cookies and work in his workshop making gifts for others. Russ was a member of Cedar Falls American Legion #236, Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49, Cedar Valley Woodworkers, Cedar Falls Historical Society and a Master Mason in Black Hawk Lodge #65 AF & AM.

Russ is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary, and their three children, Pat (Jim) of Waverly, IA, Kathie (Ray Brock) of Omaha, NE, and Tom (Colleen) of Walker, IA; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Don (Bonnie) of Phoenix, AZ; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Matilda and siblings Edna Pedersen Christensen, Roger Wolff, and Emma Thode.

Tribute Wall



“ I met Russ while working at Hy-Vee. After chatting with him several times we found out he worked with my grandfather when Russ was a boy, at Clay Equipment. Russ shared his cookies, bars and breads with several of us at Hy-Vee and then the recipes. We will miss Russ, his wonderful smile, his words of greetings and his homemade goodies! I feel very honored to have known Russ and to have counted him as a friend. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God be with you!

March 29, 2013 at 02:51 PM



“ Pat,

I am sorry to hear about your dad. I know he touched lots of people and left quite a legacy behind. May God grant you peace in this time of sorrow.

March 29, 2013 at 02:51 PM



“ What a great guy! Patients come and go, but some leave an indelible mark on my life, and Russ was certainly one of them. I feel priveleged to own one of his handmade crosses, i will treasure it always. Your husband/father was truly an inspiring person- without going into details, let me say that he fought a good fight, but when it became apparent that he could no longer resume his life with YOU, he joined the lord with open arms. I wish you all well, and know that I firmly believe Russ is enjoying a steak and lobster dinner anytime he chooses! Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of sharing this difficult time with you.

Love, Anne

December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary and family,
Karen and I are so sorry for your loss, I know he has left a huge vacancy.
Though not having been in the old neighborhood for years, seeing Russ in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, took me right back. He was an inspiration to me on more than one occasion.
Warm thoughts,
Alan and Karen Pierce

December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary and all-

So sorry to hear of your loss.
I'll always remember Russ's smiling face at the pit gate at Tunis Speedway so many years ago.
We still have a small walnut nativity scene in our office that Russ made- also years ago.

Ed and Pat Fickess

December 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Katie,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family today and will say a prayer for you all. If you need anything I am always here for you. Take care. Shelley Richard, Omaha, Nebraska

December 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, Colleen & Boys:

We are all thinking of you and your family, Please know you can ask any of us if you need anything. I will miss Colleen bringing in his cookies!!

November 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM