

In Loving Memory of John J. Kuiper

September 16, 1927 – September 28, 2021

All of John Kuiper's days were ordained by his Loving and Wise Creator before one of them came to be. In God's perfect time he was born on September 16, 1927, in Franksville, WI, to John J. and Winifred (Reyenga) Kuiper. His parents claimed the promise of God and John was baptized on October 9, 1927 by Rev. William De Groot.

He graduated 8th grade from Racine Christian School in 1941 and began farming on the family farm. At the age of 22 he started his real passion, truck driving, which he did for 40 years. In addition to driving trucks, he taught driving classes at Gateway College on Saturday mornings.

He was united in marriage to Maggie Jacobs on March 16, 1951. They raised four children, Randy, Dann, Tom and Bonnie. When grandchildren started arriving John drove Maggie all over for long weekend visits. In John's earlier years he enjoyed bowling and fall fishing trips to Lake Owen. At the age of 25 he publicly professed his faith in Jesus at the Racine Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, January 13, 1952. He served on the council as deacon for many years. He also helped out at Harvest Outreach in Racine.

He was a proud Teamster member. At age 62, he retired from Express Freight Lines. After retirement he enjoyed part time employment with Lakeview Pharmacy and he delighted in golfing, volunteering for the skill bank and hanging out with his friends at Wednesday morning breakfasts.

After Maggie's passing in 2014, John enjoyed his Tuesday night dinners with his Found/Lost men's widow group. You could often find him at McDonald's on any given day and he never turned down an invite for a homemade meal. Word search books became his favorite pastime. He averaged two pages per day and always dated them for his own validation of completion.

In 2018, Elizabeth Gardens in Racine became his new home. John became a bingo champion several times, enjoyed wonderful field trips and Christmas parties. He had many smiling faces to converse with. He loved Wheel of Fortune, The Weather Channel and his favorite music stations. John never missed his Friday night happy hours.

His time of service complete, John went to his heavenly home, on September 28. Left to cherish his memory are his four children, Randy, Dann, Tom and Bonnie and their families. John had eleven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren whom he loved with all his heart and always kept them in his prayers.

Preceding him in death was his dear wife, Maggie Kuiper in August 2014 and his first daughter, Bonnie Jean, in 1953 at the age of fifteen months. He was also preceded in death by his parents, many siblings and in-laws

Celebrating a Life and Glorifying God

The Approach to God

Opening Song: *How Great Thou Art* PH 483 (1,3,4)

Sentences:

Psalm 16:9-11

John 11:25-26

1 Thessalonians 4:14,17,18

Prayer

Celebration of Life

Song: *Abide With Me* PH 442 (1,3,5)

Scripture: *Psalm 139: 7-16*

** Heidelberg Q&A #1

We Remember John Kuiper: Family Memories

Song: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PH 493 (1,3)

The Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: *Psalm 121*

Message: The Traveler

Prayer of Application

The Response to God's Word

Song of Praise: *Amazing Grace* PH 462 (1,2,4,5)

Benediction

Doxology: *By the Sea of Crystal* PH 620

* Stand if you are able

** Heidelberg Catechism – printed on insert

PH: Gray Book in the pews

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #1

Q. What is your only Comfort in life and in death?

A. *That I am not my own,
but belong--*

*body and soul,
in life and in death--*

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

*He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.*

*He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:*

In fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

*Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life*

*and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.*

Pallbearers: Cole Kuiper Conner Kuiper
 Damon Kuiper Jason Kuiper
 Joe Kuiper Ben Shovers

Officiating: Pastor Anson Veenstra

Accompanist: Richard Kuiper

Arrangements: Sturino Funeral Home

*Thank you for your presence here today, and for the love and
support given to the Kuiper family. We invite you to stay for a light
lunch and time of fellowship immediately following the service.
Following the lunch we are planning a brief committal service (1:30)
at West Lawn Memorial Park (9000 Washington).*
