

Raymond C. Beran

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Raymond C. Beran, 84, of Victor died Monday, Aug. 25, at Brooklyn Estates Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Aug. 30, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Victor with the Rev. Maynard Brothersen as officiant. Memorials may be made to the Raymond C. Beran Memorial Fund.

He was born March 25, 1919, to Clarence and Minnie DeMeulenaere Beran of Victor. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. On Nov. 28, 1940, he was united in marriage with Gemma Irene Claeys in Victor and the couple made their home on the Beran family farm south of Victor where they lived until moving into Victor in 1980.

He was a devoted member of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree, Victor Lions Club, HLV Booster Club, was a 4-H leader for nearly 25 years, was a long-time board member of Farm Service and served on the board of the Iowa County Pork Producers Association. He enjoyed gardening and attending his grandchildren's activities.

He also enjoyed baking pies for which he was known as "the Victor Pie Man." In 2002, he received the Governor's Volunteer Award.

He is survived by three daughters, Kathryn Brush of Urbandale, Berniece Kleppe of Cedar Rapids and Ruth Ann Dieter of Aurora, Ill.; three sons, Kenneth Beran of Derby, Kan., and Bill Beran and Dave Beran, both of Victor; 17 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Laing of Waterloo and Agnes Griffin of Hudson, Fla.; and one brother Herald Beran of Davenport. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son Bruce and one grandson.

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Raymond was a devoted member of the St. Bridget Catholic Church. He also was a member of the Victor Knights of Columbus, the 4th Degree, the Victor Lions Clubs and the HLV Boosters Club. He was a 4-H leader for nearly 25 years, and he was a longtime board member of Farm Service and the Iowa County Pork Producers Board. He enjoyed gardening and attending his grandchildren's activities. His proficiency in baking pies earned him the nickname, "Victor Pie Man." In 2002, Raymond received the Governor's Volunteer Award.

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