

DEEP RIVER RESIDENT

Edwin Jahlas, 69

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Edwin Jahlas, age 69, of rural Deep River, Iowa, died on Saturday, February

4, 2017, at his home.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Friday, February 10, 2017, at St. John's Lutheran Church south of Victor with Pastor Stuart Rethwisch officiating. Interment with military honors will follow the service at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. A luncheon will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church following the committal service.

Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor and his family will greet friends from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Memorials may be designated to the Edwin Jahlas Memorial Fund and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347. Condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

Edwin Charles Jahlas was born the son of William Henry Jahlas and Ruth Mae (Hessenius) Jahlas on June 5, 1947, in Marengo, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Deep River, Iowa and graduated from HLV High School in Victor with the class of 1966. Following his education he began working at Amana Refrigeration in Amana.

Ed honorably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He returned from the service and

worked at Amana and also farmed with his dad. On January 9, 1971, he was united in marriage to Connie Jane Beck at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Victor. The couple was blessed with a daughter, Amy. They resided and farmed in the rural Deep River area all of their lives.

Ed was a longtime member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was a 4H leader. He dearly loved his family and adored his grandchildren. He always looked forward to time spent with his grandchildren and attending their activities. He was also an outdoorsman who loved farming the land, raising horses, and hunting. His other enjoyments were collecting toy tractors and guns. "Uncle Ed"

will be remembered for his sense of humor, helping others in need, and for having a heart of gold.

Ed is survived by his wife of 46 years, Connie Jahlas of Deep River; daughter, Amy (Keith) Rieks of Victor; six grandchildren, Justin Rieks of New Hampton, Iowa, Dominick Sherman of Victor, Jordan and Jaylin VanLancker of Victor, Kimberly Rieks of Victor, and Marissa Parizek of Victor; mother, Ruth Jahlas of Deep River; sister, Patricia (Walter) Van Waus of Worthington, Minnesota; brother, John (Karen) Jahlas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and all his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Jahlas in 2005; and brother, Dwayne Jahlas in 2013.