



## Roy Metzger

October 6, 1932 - October 6, 2023

Roy Edward Metzger was born October 6, 1932 on a farm near Larchwood, IA, the son of Fred and Karoline (Knobloch) Metzger and the youngest of 14 children. He attended Larchwood Township No. 1 country school through the 8th grade and then went on to graduate from Lester High School. On March 30, 1951 he was united in marriage to Evelyn Moser, also from rural Larchwood. Roy and Evelyn were baptized as a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ and became lifelong members of the Apostolic Christian Church. They farmed and operated a Jersey dairy north of Lester, Iowa and Roy worked at various other jobs including time with the railroad. In 1981, they moved to Bloomfield, Iowa. There, among other things, they planted and managed an apple orchard. Roy passed away on October 6, 2023 on his 91st birthday.

Roy was always a hard worker, but he took time to smell the roses. He enjoyed being outdoors whether caring for any variety of animals, cutting and splitting firewood, gardening, and whenever possible, fishing. He had an aptitude for rock collecting and lapidary work and he passed on his talent of winemaking to his posterity. Countless games of cards around the kitchen table made for many happy memories. In later years he enjoyed gathering and cracking walnuts. Roy's greatest gift was his genuine interest in other people, and he never knew a stranger. He was quick to help anyone in need. His children learned by his example to be humble and to esteem others higher

than themselves. His children and grandchildren were especially dear to him, and he rarely turned down the opportunity to care for a baby. Visits and calls from his extended family- nieces and nephews- always brought him great joy and he cherished spending time with his church family.

He is survived by nine children; Debra Metzger of Bloomfield, Judy Getz of Washington, IL, Patsy (Lee) Esslinger of Hanna City, IL, Audrey (Bruce) Messner of West Bend, IA, Roy Metzger, Jr. (Eileen) of Hastings, MN, Ben (Patrice) Metzger of Hot Springs, SD, Dan Metzger of West Bend, IA, Angela (Jeffrey) Birkner of Bloomfield, and Lana (Mark) Spencer of Burlington, IA. Also left to cherish his memory are 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lydiann Wyss and Pearlina Streitmatter both of Washington, IL; two brothers-in-law, Russell Wuthrich of Bloomfield and Franklin Moser of Larchwood, IA; sister-in-law, Janet Wysong of Hills, MN; and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn, of 72 years; eight brothers, Ernest, Wilhelm, Paul, Jacob, Elmer, Emil, Eli, and Fredrick; and three sisters, Emma Meyer, Freida Mogler, and Karoline Wuthrich.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Bloomfield Apostolic Christian Church. Burial will be at the Bloomfield Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be at the church on Monday from 3-5:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. A memorial has been established to Good Samaritan Society Hospice of Ottumwa. Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Bloomfield Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery

19420 Lilac Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family Present

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bloomfield Apostolic Christian Church  
19420 Lilac Ave  
Bloomfield, IA

## Visitation with Family Present

OCT **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bloomfield Apostolic Christian Church  
19420 Lilac Ave  
Bloomfield, IA

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bloomfield Apostolic Christian Church  
19420 Lilac Ave  
Bloomfield, IA



# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *May Great-Grandpa Roy rest in peace. He always made me laugh and gave the brightest smile whenever I walked through the door. Even when he started to lose his memory, He knew he loved his family. There was one time where I blew a bubble into my gum, making it grow and grow. He called out "Well, Put that in the family record book! That's got to be the biggest bubblegum bubble I ever seen!" He, Evelyn, and I all laughed. I love you, Gramps. You've joined the band of angels with Great-Grandma Evelyn.*



Michelle Rose - October 10, 2023 at 03:24 PM

BM

“ *We want to express our deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your father and grandfather. Sorry we can't come to funeral. Our prayers will be with you!! Bill and Charlotte Metzger*

Bill Metzger - October 09, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Roy Jr & Eileen, we send much love and prayers, to all the family for your loss. Love, Michael & Becky Moyer.*



Becky Fisher Moyer - October 09, 2023 at 09:35 PM

RK

“ We send our sympathy to all of the family; Sorry we can't be there, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. Many Memories of the time you lived in Lester and on the dairy farm. Also, in Bloomfield I came and got apples when we lived in Taylor. Precious memories how they linger. Love and Prayers Ralph and Linda Knapp

Ralph and Linda Knapp - October 09, 2023 at 07:11 PM

LA

“ Dear Roy received his wish to leave this earth and join his dear wife. We grieve for your/our loss. He was always interested in his family and relatives and as Karen mentioned would ask questions. I don't think there was a time when I visited with him that he did not speak of our brother Ken Knoblock's sudden death. He loved Ken. We want you to know you all are loved by us and in our prayers as you walk through this week of preparations for his service. May God comfort and help fill this void in your family circle,  
Roger and LaVonne Knoblock Aberle

LaVonne - October 09, 2023 at 04:50 PM

CF

Love and prayers as you bid farewell to a dear daddy.

Charlotte Fehr - October 09, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roy Metzger.



October 09, 2023 at 01:56 PM

KK

“ I was blessed to spend time in your home as a child when we visited Lester. Uncle Roy and Aunt Evelyn warmly welcomed me along with my cousins:). Uncle Roy did take an interest in and asked questions each time we visited with him. We will miss him. Mom and Aunt Pearline will miss their younger brother. As Mom said, "we are the last two from a large family". May God be with you and comfort you in your loss. May He draw you together in love and comfort each one. It seems so soon after your dear mother. We are so thankful for the hope of a great reunion in heaven.

Much love, Karen and Randy Kellenberger

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**Karen Kellenberger** - October 09, 2023 at 12:32 AM

SL

“ Steven Lowe lit a candle in memory of Roy Metzger



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**Steven lowe** - October 08, 2023 at 08:36 PM

SL

*I remember Roy from lawn mower shop*

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**Steven lowe** - October 08, 2023 at 08:37 PM

LB

“ Larry and I are so sorry for the loss of your father. Thoughts and prayers are with all. May God's strength and comfort be with all through this difficult period. Sending our love always!!!

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**Larry and Connie Booten** - October 08, 2023 at 05:27 PM