



Lewis Ellsworth Heifner

August 9, 1933 - November 13, 2010

Mr. Lewis Ellsworth Heifner, the son of the late Edythe A. (Hughes) Heifner and Lewis C. Heifner, was born August 9, 1933 at Afton, Iowa, in his maternal grandparents home. He was reared in Titonka, Iowa where his late father was a rural letter carrier.

Lewis was a graduate of Titonka High School in 1950 and attended junior college and Drake University.

He began his newspaper career in Rock Island, Illinois, on the Argus. He spent 36 years as a journalist in positions ranging from typesetter to publisher. In 1980 Lewis left the newspaper profession to serve as an aide to U.S. Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa. He spent 6 years as a Field Representative for the senator.

Lewis returned to newspapers in 1987. Prior to his retirement he was employed at Sams Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa as a Business Development Manager.

He married JoAnn Seiler of Wesley Iowa on October 27, 1951 and to this union four children were born: Thomas L. of Marion, Iowa, Jacqueline K. (Busch) of Anthon, Iowa, Robert A. of Kansas City, Missouri, and Lewis A. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Lewis divorced and he married Linda F. Preston on

June 8, 1990, they divorced in February of 2010.

Survivors include 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother Theodore A., a sister Grace, a granddaughter Elizabeth (Lisa), two half-sisters and two half-brothers. Lewis is the last of the children of Lewis C. Heifner.

Lewis was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed baseball and basketball and was named the outstanding athlete of his high school graduating class. He also loved to hunt and fish. However, his first love was his children and like most fathers he did the best he could for them.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bolivar, Missouri and the Knights of Columbus both Third Degree and Fourth Degree. He was named the first layman to edit a diocesan newspaper. He served for 13 years on The Globe at Sioux City, Iowa. He also served on several national committees appointed by the Catholic Press Association. He gave workshops on advertising and business management at several national conventions. Lewis taught religion classes for high school seniors. He served on the Catholic Scouting committee and received the Pro Deo Juventute Medal for his work.

Funeral mass will be held at 2:00pm, Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bolivar, Missouri with Father Pat Wissman officiating with Fourth Degree Honor Guards by the Knights of Columbus under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri. A visitation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 6-7pm, Tuesday evening with a catholic prayer service at 7:00pm. Burial will be in the Anna Edna Cemetery in Jerico Springs, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Terry Nothern, David Sandgren, David Tilley, Mark Stanek, James Riggs, and Charles Stanek. Honorary Pallbearers will be Thomas Heifner, Robert Heifner, Lewis

A. Heifner, Jacqueline Busch, Christopher Heifner, Thomas A. Heifner, his children and grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1944-A Sunshine, Springfield, Missouri 65804.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis Ellsworth Heifner*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Lewis Ellsworth Heifner*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy. You and Lew have been in our prayers. I pray that God give you comfort, peace and strength.*
Henry and Karen Wulff

Henry Wulff - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *May the Lord be with you and guide you*

Therese A. Poindexter - November 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our condolences to the Heifners.*

Ken and Kris Girard - November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prays are with you and your family.*

Dave & Pauline Hazuka - November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bob and family,
Our deepest sympathies go out to you in your time of grief may your
happy memories keep you and your family hearts light during this
time of deep sorrow.
God bless you all.

Andrea & Jay Rees - November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have many good memories of him. We will always remember
him for his humor and loyalty to our class. We always loved it when
he called and said, "Tell ol' what's his name 'hello.'" He will be
missed. Blessings.

Love Eldon and Joan Goeke

Eldon and Joan Goeke - November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM