

**A**be J. Falkena, age 83, of Albert City, Iowa died on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Pleasant View Home in Albert City.

Abe Junior Falkena, the son of Abe Sr and Anna (Van Veldhuizen) Falkena was born on October 3, 1935 at Sioux Center, Iowa. He lived his youth and received his education in Ireton, Iowa, graduating from the Ireton High School. Abe faithfully served his country in the United States Army at a SP4 (T) from November 4, 1957 until his honorable discharge on November 3, 1959.

Abe was united in marriage to Bonnie Uthe on February 17, 1960 at Sibley Iowa and this union was blessed with four children: Pamela, Jeffrey, Kathryn and Debra. Following their marriage, Abe and Bonnie resided at Inwood, Iowa for one year and they moved to Ireton where they were engaged in farming for 12 years. In 1972, the Falkena's came to make their home in Albert City vicinity and Abe was employed with Benson Industries in the turkey business for 26 years. They moved into the town of Albert City in 1996 where Abe was a self-employed carpenter and fix-it man. He also drove the Rides transportation bus for 8 years.

Abe was a member of the Marathon United Methodist Church where he had served as a trustee and various other offices. He was very active in the Albert City community having served on the City Council, a member of the Vision Committee of the Albert City Mainstreet Program, and a member of the Lion's Club where he has also had the honor of being a District Governor. Special interests of Abe's included woodworking, reading, and camping.

Abe's life will always be honored and cherished by his family which include his wife: Bonnie of Albert City, Iowa, his children: Pamela (Gary) DeWall of Scranton, Iowa, Jeffrey (Debra) Falkena of Albert City, Iowa, Kathryn (Daniel) Josephson of Albert City, Iowa, and Debra (Steve) Russell of Cambridge, Iowa, his grandchildren: Ryan Murphy and Christopher Murphy, Keri Taylor, Amy Sawvell, Matthew Falkena, Brian Josephson, Becky Josephson, Kayla Nunnery, and Nathan, Anna and Amanda Russell, 13 great grandchildren, 2 brothers: Everet (Barb) Falkena of North Platte, Nebraska and Andrew Falkena of Lakewood, Colorado, his sister: Coba Hulshof of Hawarden, Iowa, a sister-in-law: Marvella Falkena of Hospers, Iowa, nieces, nephews, other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother: Fred.

## In Loving Memory



**Abe J. Falkena**

**1935 — 2019**



### The Clock of Life

The clock of life is wound but once

And no man has the power

To tell just when the hands will stop

At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own,

Live, love, toil with a will.

Place no faith in "tomorrow" for

The clock may then be still.

**T**hank you for the many acts of kindness and your presence at this service. You are welcome to lunch and a time of fellowship in the church immediately following the service.

— The Family of Abe J. Falkena

## IN MEMORY OF

**Abe J. Falkena**

*October 3, 1935 — April 23, 2019*

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, April 26, 2019 — 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Marathon, Iowa

### CLERGY

Pastor Morris Hurd

### ORGANIST

Eloise Obman

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

### CLARINETIST

Kayla Nunnery

"Mozart Clarinet Concerto In A Major"

### CASKET BEARERS

Christopher Murphy, Brian Josephson, Matthew Falkena

Nathan Russell, Dan Josephson, Steve Russell

### INTERMENT

Fairfield Township Cemetery

Albert City, Iowa

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