



## John H Lumkes

March 20, 1920 - December 28, 2010

John Henry Lumkes went to be with his Lord and savior Tuesday (Dec. 28, 2010). Born in Winschoten, The Netherlands, he resided in Wichert, Ill. Earlier this year, he celebrated his 90th birthday at his home, the historic settlement site for the Lumkes family in the United States.

John served as a corporal in the U.S. Air Force on Guadalcanal during World War II. He married Diana Mulder, owner of Vogue in Kankakee, in 1946; they raised four daughters: Susan, Janet, Carol and Nancy. John was a previous member of the First Reformed Church of Wichert and a current member of the Momence OPC, where he served many terms as elder. His career was spent as a lab technician for Gould National Battery (GNB) of Kankakee. Gardening was a special interest, along with the care of his apple orchard.

John is survived by wife, Diana, of Momence; daughter, Susan (Roy) Kikkert, and daughter, Nancy (Marvin) Dokter. His five grandchildren are: Kate (Kikkert) Henry, Deena Miers, Anneke Miers, Dirk Miers and Rachel Dokter. John's great-grandson is Andrew Henry. He is also survived by his sister, Ida (Harry) Van Zwieten, and sister, Gert Haak.

A memorial service will be announced later. Arrangements are by the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

The family conveys special thanks to friends, family, church members and health care professionals who offered such kindness to John. "Burdens are lifted at Calvary."



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Momence Orthodox Presbyterian Church

4132 N. Route 1

Momence, IL 60954

(815) 472-2943

<http://www.momenceopc.org/>

# Tribute Wall

WN

“ We herewith do send our condolences to our beloved Diana, her two daughters left and grandchildren for this great loss. We hope John will meet the other daughters in heaven now. Our sympathy goes to you all, especially to sister Ida with Harry and family + sister Gertrude. We are grateful to have had so many contacts with John + Diana and their family, to have met them on the historical farm and the warm hospitality. We pray for you.

Willy and Luc Lumkes, Ermelo, The Netherlands, e-mail [luc@lumkes.nl](mailto:luc@lumkes.nl)

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Willy nephew Luc Lumkes, The Netherlands - January 09, 2011 at 12:15 PM

TE

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My dad, Gordon Lumkes, loved Uncle John. Now, they are in Heaven together, talking I am sure. :-)  
I loved Uncle John although I did not get to see him too much since I live in Texas. My dad always wanted me to see him since I am a Lumkes and when I had my son, Preston, he wanted Uncle John to meet my son. What a treat that he got to meet him. My thoughts are with you Aunt Diane.

Tracy Lumkes Eaves  
Wylie, TX  
214-808-6898

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Tracy Eaves - January 06, 2011 at 01:14 PM

NK

“ My memory of John goes from my childhood to being an adult. I spent many days as a teen at Johns house, not to see John but he was there with more information about my family tree than I knew. That seemed to be a passion for him to know all about the families in Wichert. I remember a family singing happy birthday in dutch. I remember singing at a church in Kankakee and being suprised to see John, Diana and one of his daughters in the church. I almost lost my place in the song trying to figure out which daughter it was! ( Janet). So I would like to thank the Lumkes family for the smile that came with the memories, and offer my sympathy for your loss!

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**Norm Koster** - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad's memorial service will be held Saturday, January 8, at 2:00 P.M. at Momence Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Flowers by Marlene Smith at 815/939-2828.

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**Nancy Dokter** - January 02, 2011 at 05:44 PM

RO

“ John was a neighbor for as long as i can remember. I always enjoyed the times I visited with him at his farm and at church. Sincere Sympthy to John's family and loved ones.

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**Richard Oosterhoff** - January 01, 2011 at 11:13 AM

KV

“ Although we haven't seen Uncle John and Aunt Diane lately, we bonded like I can't remember doing with others. Every year, I waited for his Christmas update. I loved to write them because I knew they cared. A couple of weeks ago our tempory two-year-old, foster child learned to call a finch. The bird flew almost to our reach from a block away. That would have been the highlight of my next note to him. We shared the love of family and also that of birds.  
Karen (and Jim) VanZwieten

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**Karen VanZwieten** - December 30, 2010 at 07:38 PM

TL

“ Sincere condolences to the members of John's Family, and God's Blessings be with you. I worked at Gould and had many discussions with John during the years he worked there.



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**Ted Lease** - December 30, 2010 at 06:43 PM

CV

“ I am so glad I stopped to see Uncle John and Aunt Diane a couple of times in the last decade! Both were in good health when I was there and it was a treat to hear family stories. Keeping the family back their in our prayers and knowing the Lord is holding Diane close. God is good.  
Carol Lumkes Vetter  
Carmel, Ca

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**Carol Vetter** - December 30, 2010 at 04:23 PM

PR

“ *I didn't know John, but I benefitted from his life because I was a friend of his daughter, Janet. A parent's influence on their children has a rippling effect, like a stone dropped into water.*  
*Peggy Chace Rieke*

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**Peg Rieke** - December 30, 2010 at 02:47 PM

ND

“ *Dad loved to walk on his land and take care of his garden & apple trees.*

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**Nancy Dokter** - December 30, 2010 at 11:28 AM