



## Delbert J. Renken

October 23, 1934 - May 12, 2016

Delbert Jean Renken, 81, of Mason City, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2016 at his residence. He was born October 23, 1934 the son of Koert and Helen (Spangler) Renken in Mason City. He married Lorraine Kay (Shawgo) on September 2, 1955 in Mason City, she survives.

Also surviving are three children: Joan Carr of Springfield, Jim (Karen) Renken and Judy (John Laflen) Woodard. Six grandchildren and six great grandsons. Delbert is also survived by one sister: Mary Joy Ewers. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: William and Wilbur Renken.

Delbert was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Mason City. Delbert farmed for many years in the Mason City Area, retiring in 1998.

Funeral Services will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service beginning at 10:00 AM . Pastor John Johnson will officiate. Burial will take place at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Christ Lutheran Church Elevator Fund. Online memorial messages can be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mason City Cemetery**

Mason City, IL 62664

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert J. Renken*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Lisa Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Delbert J. Renken*



**Lisa Hudgins** - May 16, 2016 at 09:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert J. Renken.*



May 13, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Roma Miller lit a candle in memory of Delbert J. Renken*



**Roma Miller** - May 13, 2016 at 06:25 AM

BS

“ *Brian and Lisa Shawgo*



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**Brian and Lisa Shawgo** - May 13, 2016 at 01:55 AM

KW

“ *Kate Weinell purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Delbert J. Renken.*



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**Kate Weinell** - May 13, 2016 at 12:19 AM

KW

“ *I have great memories of Uncle Del. He took me for rides on the Combine and carried baby cows to the house for us to pet. He and Aunt Lorraine let us play everywhere on the farm and we always felt welcome at their house. I had my first experience milking cows (Goldie) on their farm and my childhood would not have been the same without going along to the 4H fairs and hanging out in the barns. He was a special person with a gentle heart and I will miss him being here in this world.*

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**Katy shawgo weinell** - May 12, 2016 at 10:39 PM

Heath  
Nunn

“ Heath Nunn lit a candle in memory of Delbert J. Renken



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Heath Nunn - May 12, 2016 at 10:23 PM

TK

“ Tod & Marylou Keltner lit a candle in memory of Delbert J. Renken



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Tod & Marylou Keltner - May 12, 2016 at 09:44 PM

BK

“ I will never forget visiting with my husband Brett and riding in your tracker it was air conditioned with a stereo it was fun and I will never forget the ride! You showed us around the farm and where all the corn went. We always had a great time. I have heard so many stories from Brett helping out on the farm, the feast you all would have, the weiner roasts, and lots more! Great memories that will always be cherished. Oh I can't forget the Laughlin trips! So much fun! Thanks for all the great memories and being apart of your family! We are so sorry for your loss . Lorraine you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all!



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Brett & Janet Keltner - May 12, 2016 at 09:34 PM

SM

“ Thinking about you guys and thinking about the crazy things we city kids got to do on the farm. Pigs and cows, chickens and kittens! Riding on tractors and getting dirty! Uncle Del, you will be missed!

Shari Matson - May 12, 2016 at 08:43 PM

MM

“ Mark R. Keltner and Family (Laurel, MT) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delbert J. Renken.



Mark R. Keltner and Family (Laurel, MT) - May 12, 2016 at 07:55 PM

KF

“ Kristine Fink lit a candle in memory of Delbert J. Renken



Kristine Fink - May 12, 2016 at 07:49 PM

MK

“ Lorraine, Joan, Jim, and Judy,

*Remembering Del Renken:*

*Del will always be "Uncle Del" to me and I have told my children about spending time during the summers on your farm outside of Mason City. I remember playing and getting dirty as a kid when visiting, hiding & playing in the barn, chasing the pigs (even though we were told not to), getting to ride on the tractor (with Del telling me I was driving all on my own), going to the stockyard in Peoria, helping with whatever we were told to do during the day (taking our cues from Joan, Jim, and Judy), getting up when it was dark outside, and always feeling like we were just part of the family when we were at your house. I also remember how much fun my parents had when they spent time with Del & Lorraine and I have listened to my parents' stories of the Renken family and their friends in Mason City.*

*My wife, Cheryl, and I, along with our children (Nicole, Amber, & Cory) want to offer our sympathy in your time of loss.*

*Mark Keltner  
GySgt, Retired (USMC)  
Laurel, Montana*

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**Mark R. Keltner** - May 12, 2016 at 06:46 PM

KF

“ We Keltner kids have nothing but fun and good memories of our Uncle Del which we will always refer to him as that...our Uncle! He will surely be missed by many and so glad we have nothing but good memories. City Slickers meet the Farm Kids which always meant sharing in chores, eating homemade ice cream, lots of kitties running around the farm, tractor rides, playing ball and using cow piles as bases, a trip to the slaughter house in Peoria with Uncle Del and even making the local news that night. The list goes on and on.



As we all grew just a bit older, Uncle Del and Aunt Lorraine came to Arizona for visits. All of our spouses met them and we always had a good time. There were dinners out, a family wedding and not to forget the casinos. The children of our families even referred to them as Uncle Del & Aunt Lorraine.

He may be gone but will not be forgotten. Lots of laughs and good times were had when we were with him.

To Aunt Lorraine, Joan, Jim and Judy, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kris Fink (Keltner)

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Kristine Fink - May 12, 2016 at 05:16 PM

RK

“ We all have good memories and fun memories and so glad became part of the Renken family. And more for our four kids and each one of one them have some funny memories and fun times that they all experienced as kids on the farm!

*He shall be missed but never forgotten.*

*Love, Mary, Rich, Mark, Kris, Tod and Brett Keltner*

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**Richard & Mary Keltner** - May 12, 2016 at 04:56 PM

VB

“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Delbert J. Renken



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**Vickie Bagby** - May 12, 2016 at 03:33 PM