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George and Sheila bought their farm west of Centerville in 1956. He enjoyed farming, playing ball, riding horses, spending time with family and friends. George was a member of St. Francis Church in Mystic and then St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville. He was a 4th Degree Knight and Faithful Navigator in the Knights of Columbus, as well as a District Director for the organization. George was also a member of Rotary Club of Coon Rapids, Lions Club and President of Mystic Alumni, and Mystic American Legion.

George is survived by his wife Sheila; children, JoAnn (Jim) Wakefield of Oskaloosa, Iowa, M. Jean Starceвич (and the late John Card) of Los Gatos, California, Jim (Sandi) Starceвич of Monroe, Iowa, Sheila Jane Starceвич and Dr. Howard Freedman of South Lake Tahoe, CA and Joe (Felicia) Starceвич of Centerville, Iowa; and six grandchildren, Kelli, Abby, Kerri, Tatum, Olivia and Michael and brother Mick and his wife Ann Starceвич of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Mass of the Resurrection will be held Saturday morning 11 AM, December 13, 2008 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Dennis Schaab C.P.P.S officiating. The family will gather at the Lange Funeral Home from 6-8PM with a Rosary Service at 7pm and a Military Service at 7:30 PM. Cremation was accorded as the family's wishes. A memorial has been established to The George Starceвич Memorial Scholarship Fund, Indian Hill Community College or the Centerville High School Booster Club and may be left or mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be left online at www.thomaslangefuneralhome.com.

Visitation: Friday, December 12, 2008 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Thomas Lange Funeral Home, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, IA 52544

Service: Saturday, December 13, 2008 11:00 AM, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Centerville, IA 52544

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