

A firefighter's farewell



Led by the last of many firetrucks, the hearse carrying the body of George "Junior" Simon passes beneath a large United States Flag while two Dyersville firefighters salute the procession en route to St. Joseph Cemetery following the Funeral Mass.



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An overflowing crowd fills St. Joseph Catholic Church during the funeral mass for George "Junior" Simon, April 18.



Carrying the flag-draped casket of George "Junior" Simon, a beloved father, grandfather and friend, into St. Joseph Catholic Church for his funeral mass are from left front to back: Caitlin Richter, Alex Kramer, Allison Oberbroeckling and Craig Steffen; right front to back: Ashley Kramer, Hannah Fangman, Benjamin "B.J." Coyle and Michael Coyle.



Firefighters respectfully watch the casket of George "Junior" Simon being carried into St. Joseph Catholic Church for his funeral mass. Simon served on the Farley Fire Department for 47 years.



Saying farewell to a beloved man, George "Junior" Simon.



Members of the Farley American Legion Post #656 fire a 21-gun salute for George "Junior" Simon as he is buried with full military honors at St. Joseph Cemetery.



Amy Steffen, followed by her husband, Lee Steffen, carries a red rose from the casket of her father, George "Junior" Simon, after concluding rites at St. Joseph Cemetery.



A friend says farewell to George "Junior" Simon with a touch of his casket while Farley volunteer firefighter Ted Bergfeld moves forward at the close of the burial service.