

Duane Carl Harms

August 5, 1931 - January 19, 2015
Resided in Denver, IA

Obituary

Duane Carl Harms, 83, of Denver, Iowa, died Monday, January 19, 2015, at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo of natural causes.

Duane was born on August 5, 1931, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of William and Carrie (Bachman) Harms. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and graduated from the Elma High School. On July 28, 1952, Duane was united in marriage to Verna Maseman at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Elma, Iowa. On August 11, 1952, Duane entered the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War until October 1953, when he was honorably discharged. Following his service, Duane and Verna moved to Kansas City, then to Waukon, Iowa, where he worked for his dad in his butcher shop. The couple then moved to West Union and Duane worked for Kleen Maid Bread, driving bread truck in northeast Iowa. He took a home course thru DeVry in electronics, hoping to find a job in Arizona. Unable to find work without experience, he went to barber school in Phoenix, Arizona, and worked as a barber in the barber college for a short time. After school was completed in 1963, the family moved to Denver, Iowa, where Duane worked as an apprentice at Piehl's Barber Shop with Burton. In 1965, Duane rented his own shop in Denver, where he was a barber for over 48 years, retiring in 2011.

Duane was an active member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver, where he had served on the church council. He had a quick wit and enjoyed teasing his children. He also enjoyed playing ping pong with his children and also enjoyed golfing, fishing and working on crossword puzzles.

Duane is survived by his wife, Verna Harms of Denver, Iowa; his three children, Laura (Harms) Frederick of Des Moines, Iowa; Valerie (Harms) Wise and husband, Fred of Cheney, Kansas; Barry Harms and wife, Julie of Flint, Michigan; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and two brothers, Donald Harms and wife, Betty of Marble Rock, Iowa and David Harms and wife, Carol, of Alpharetta, Georgia. Duane was preceded in death by his parents, and 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Denver, with Pastor Ron Mathews officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Denver, with military graveside rites conducted by the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post # 653. Public visitation will be held on Friday, January 23rd from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver. Memorials may be directed to the Duane Harms family. Online condolences for Duane's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Denver is assisting the family. 319-984-5379.

Guestbook



Craig, Scott and Vince LaRue

Created: January 24, 2015

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Three generations of the LaRue family had the privilege of being regulars at Duane's Barber Shop.



Sam and Peggy Smith

Created: January 23, 2015

Verna and family. Our deepest sympathy to you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God be with you..Sam and Peggy Smith



David & Rosalie Richardson

Created: January 23, 2015

Sincere sympathy for a good friend and a great barber.



Fran and Paul Loy

Created: January 22, 2015

Verna and Family . . .Our hearts are so touched for all of you. So many fun memories come to mind with dancing and playing cards. Time separates friendships, but hearts hold love for one another. God Bless You



Angelique Nathan

Created: January 22, 2015

The employees of National Time & Signal where Barry works sends our sympathies to the Harms family.



Norman Friedrich

Created: January 22, 2015

Verna and family.

Our sympathies to all of you. You will all be in our prayers. Peace.

**Jim Darrah**

Created: January 21, 2015

Dear Verna & family;

Duane was a classmate of mine, & we had many fun times together as young boys. When ever we got together it was always Elma time!! He was a great guy and will be missed by many friends. My sympathy to all the family. I'm so sorry I will not be able to be with you as I am in Mesa for the winter.

Jim Darrah

Photos



Services

Funeral Home

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc. - Denver, Iowa

110 S. State Street P.O. Box 525
Denver, IA US 50622-0525


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Visitation

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 Friday, January 23, 2015
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Service

St. Peter Lutheran Church

540 E. Franklin Street
Denver, IA US 50622

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 Saturday, January 24, 2015
1:00 PM

Cemetery

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

701 E. Fayette St.
Denver, IA US

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