



Herbert "Herb" Meyer

April 23, 1933 - August 12, 2017

Born in Waverly, Iowa

Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Herbert "Herb" Meyer, 84, of Waverly, Iowa, died peacefully at his home on Saturday, morning August 12, 2017.

Herb was born on April 23, 1933, in Waverly, Iowa, the son of Kurt and Anna (Bast) Meyer. He was baptized May 28, 1933 and confirmed his Lutheran faith on March 23, 1947. Herb attended the Waverly School system and in May of 1946, at the age of 13, he started working at his father's Blacksmith Shop. Herb graduated from the Waverly High School in 1951, and following his schooling continued working with his father. In 1953, Herb was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, until he was discharged in August of 1955. He was baptized at the First Baptist Church on 1956. Herb returned to Waverly and again worked at Kurt's Plow Shop until January 1, 1959, when he bought the business from his father, and the business was named Herb Meyer's Blacksmith and Welding. Herb retired in June of 2016 because of ill health.

On September 12, 1954, Herb was united in marriage to Claudette Smith in Plainfield, and to this union two daughters were born, Diane and Karen.

In 1965, Herb joined the Waverly Fire Department as a volunteer for over 50 years. In 1972, he became an E.M.T. and in 1974 began teaching C.P.R. In 1975, he started teaching at Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo in the areas of Emergency Medicine (10 years) and Triage and Trauma (26 years). He also taught Fire Fighting for Fire Extension Services in Ames, Iowa, for 30 years. Herb served on the Waverly Ambulance for 30 years until 2002. Herb received the Community Service Award for the Waverly Municipal Hospital in 1980. He was a Charter member of the Waverly Chapter Kiwanis Club, where he helped establish the Boy Scout Troop #69 of Waverly. He was Firefighter of the year in 1991, awarded by Waverly Fire Department, and again in 1992 and 2006 from the Waverly Exchange Club. He earned the Service to Mankind Award from Seratoma Club in 1985, and was inducted into the Waverly Heritage Days Hall of Fame in 2000. Additionally, he served on the Recreation Center Committee from 1969-1973, was the volunteer Blacksmith for Osborne Heritage Days for 25 years, parked cars for football games for 50 years, and dedicated several years making nails for the 4th grade kids from Waverly-Shell Rock Schools. On June 17, 2014, he embarked on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C., which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Herb was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Plainfield, where he was a youth Sunday School Teacher and held other offices for the church. Herb enjoyed traveling to the East Coast to spend time with family and spending time with his local family.

Herb is survived by his loving wife of over 62 years, Claudette Meyer of Waverly; two daughters, Diane(Dennis) Anderson of Waterloo, Karen (Robert) Rediske of Newport News, Virginia, five grandchildren; Jeremy (Cate) Anderson, Matthew (Natalie) Rediske, Adam (Shawna) Anderson, Joshua (Kim) Rediske and Aaron (Jennilee) Anderson, 14 great grandchildren; Cole, Holly, Amy, Liam, Briana, Lilla and Faith Rediske, Tyler, Bryce, Jackson, Gracelyn, Sofia and Lillian Anderson, Brayden Cox, one sister, Margaret (Lynn) Poppen of Charles City, two brothers; Carl (Marvelyn) Meyer of Duncan, South Carolina and John (Barbara) Meyer of Waverly. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and brothers-in-law; Laura (Harold) Gray and Marie (Marvin) Zelle, one brother, Herold Meyer, one granddaughter, Christine Anderson and one great granddaughter Kaitlyn Rediske.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield, with Pastor Shawn Geer officiating. Burial will be in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly, with Military graveside rites conducted by Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard and Grundy County Honor Guard providing a firefighter memorial. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m .to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and for one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Memorials may be directed to the family for a later designation. On-line condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com.

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is in charge of arrangements. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



LeeAnn

Created : Aug 26, 2017

Claudette...I just read that Herb died. It seems like only yesterday we were working together and talking about our kids and husbands. Know that I am thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.



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Created : Aug 20, 2017

My sincere condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. True comfort comes by drawing close to God (Psalms 83:18) in prayers so He (God) can draw close to you in return. (James 4:8).



Vaughn family

Created : Aug 19, 2017

Family please accept my deepest condolences. May God's promises found at Acts 24:15 and Psalms 37:29 bring you comfort during this difficult time.



Mark and Colette Schwenneker
Created : Aug 19, 2017

Claudette, So sorry to hear of Herb's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Jay Dillavou
Created : Aug 18, 2017

Dear Meyer family. Your husband, father and grandfather was an exceptional man. I always loved talking to him and he always gave me something to laugh or smile about. He provided so well for you and served so many people. I can tell he loved God and I bet you he's enjoying the rewards of his hard labor already. God bless you! You are in my prayers.



Dr. Jane & Wayne Hasek
Created : Aug 18, 2017

To Claudette and the family and friends of Herb. He was a person of the community. I enjoyed working with him in all areas of EMS/Triage-n-Trauma. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jane & Wayne Hasek



Russ and Terry Slight
Created : Aug 18, 2017

What an institution of Waverly! The Slight family sends their deepest condolences to the Meyer family.



Strotman Building Center
Created : Aug 18, 2017

Claudette and family, our deepest sympathy to all of you. Herb touched many, many lives including ours. He was a wonderful customer and business associate, and an even more treasured friend. Herb will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers to you.



Lee Engel
Created : Aug 18, 2017

Claudette and family, My deepest sympathy to all of you. Herb was an immeasurable influence to me as a kid in high school. He patiently taught me welding, iron work, wagon wheel building, forge welding, and on and on in his plow shop on main. Few people can qualify as true mentors like your own dad and grandpa, but Herb you did. RIP Herbie.



Dave Barber
Created : Aug 17, 2017

Herb served his community and his country well!



Steve Weliver

Created : Aug 16, 2017

Herb was a great man. Served his country and his community well. Our thoughts and prayers.



Glenn Engel

Created : Aug 16, 2017

Claudette and Family - My sympathies to you all. I thoroughly enjoyed working and learning from Herb for many years on the Fire Dept. He will be missed by all.



Gary & Peg Liebsch

Created : Aug 16, 2017

Our sympathy is with you and your family. He one of a kind blacksmith.



Charley, Verla, Alaina and Phyllis

Created : Aug 15, 2017

We are so sorry for the passing of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So many sweet memories you all can cherish. We love you
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Delores. Miller

Created : Aug 15, 2017

You have my sympathy. D.miller



David MacMillan, MD

Created : Aug 15, 2017

Claudette and family, I have fond memories of Herb and all of your family. Herb was a great man and will be missed by all who knew him. He was always upbeat and enthusiastic about everything he did. The world could use a few more like Herb. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



John Grapp

Created : Aug 15, 2017

Claudette and family, our sympathy and prayers. John and Eleanor



Dita Boorum

Created : Aug 15, 2017

Claudette and family you have my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Many fond memories of our times together; especially all New Years Eve parties, and hockey games, it's such a blessing to have those memories. I have to work all week,

which includes both Friday and Saturday, so will try to stop by the house some morning. Love to you all....Dita



Shirley Siberski
Created : Aug 15, 2017

Claudette and Family, you have my sympathy and prayers. Mike and Herb went to the fire station every morning for coffee and tea and solved the problems of the day. He was a great friend and will be missed by many. Scott and Theresa also send their condolences. Herb helped Scott in so many ways to be a good fireman on the Ames fire department.



Pat Homeister
Created : Aug 15, 2017

Claudette, you are in my prayers. We will not be able to attend either one. Paul will be having back surgery on Friday morning. We have to be at Allan at 5:30 a.m. We also have to do the 10 minute wash on his back the night before and on Friday morning before we go down. Sleep will feel good that night. You take care. Pat Homeister



Scott Mckenzie
Created : Aug 15, 2017

Sorry to hear of Herbs passing, he will truly be missed! Thoughts and prayers to your family!



Brad Biermann
Created : Aug 15, 2017

Claudette, I was so sorry to hear of Herbs passing. I will always treasure our morning coffee conversations at the fire station. It was always entertaining when Herb was around. Lynnette and I are sending you prayers.



Dean and Gwen Paulsen
Created : Aug 14, 2017

Claudette, Herb will truly be missed. He not only was a good friend, but a good mentor also. Our heart felt condolences go out to you and your family,



Deb (Walther) Schnadt
Created : Aug 14, 2017

Claudette and family, You have my sincerest sympathies in your great loss of Herb. I admired and respected Herb as a community leader, fire department member, and EMS member. He was straight forward and professional to work with. "Well done good and faithful servant" comes to mind. Prayers for all of you now and in the days to come.

Photos



Services

Visitation

**Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes,
Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215



[Map / Directions](#)



Friday, August 18, 2017
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Service

First Baptist Church-Plainfield

809 Main
Plainfield, IA US 50666



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Saturday, August 19, 2017
10:30 AM - 10:30 AM