



Harlan James Happel

February 16, 1935 - August 10, 2016
Resided in Readlyn, IA

Obituary

Harlan James Happel, 81, of Readlyn, Iowa, died on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota.

Harlan was born on February 16, 1935, on the family farm near Readlyn. He was the son of William "Bill" Henry and Esther C. (Matthias) Happel. He was baptized on March 10, 1935, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran in Readlyn. Harlan attended parochial school through 8th grade and graduated from Readlyn High School in 1953. He served in the United States Army from August of 1954 to May of 1956. On August 7, 1960, Harlan was united in marriage to Luann Ruth Diercks at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Klinger.

Harlan had a lifelong passion for farming. For 19 years, he delivered motorhomes for Winnebago. Harlan was a member of the Wayne Teisinger. V.F.W. Post 5661 of Readlyn and the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post 653 of Denver and served on many boards in the community. He enjoyed old cars, honoring our nation's veterans, traveling, and visiting with family and friends.

Harlan is survived by his wife, Luann Happel; a son, Mark (Ruth) Happel of Readlyn; two daughters, Laura (Brent Buls) Bockholt and Lisa (Barry) Wittenburg; both of Readlyn; a son, Kevin (Kami) Happel of Atkins, Iowa; and a son, Alan Happel of Colorado Springs, Colorado; grandchildren, Brady, Bobbi, and Brianne Bockholt; Alana, Alissa, Aarika and Austin Wittenburg; Matt (Kelli) Brunscheon, Keith (Tanya) Brunscheon, Isaac (Ashley) Happel; and Paige Happel; great grandchildren, Eli Alibegic, Tessa, Dusty, Reed, Lexi and Jackson Brunscheon; a sister, Audrey (Norbert) Schmidt of Readlyn; a brother, Gordon (Ruth) Happel of Lenexa, Kansas and his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, twin granddaughters, Abbey and Alley Wittenburg and a grandson, Dusty Brunscheon.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 15, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Readlyn with Pastor Matthew Moss officiating. Burial will be held in St. Paul Cemetery, Readlyn and Military Rites at the grave will be conducted by Wayne Teisinger. V.F.W. Post 5661 of Readlyn and the Acker-Matthias American Legion Post of Denver. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00

p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn and also for one hour prior to service on Monday at the church. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Community Lutheran School and Mission Central. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn is assisting the family. 319-279-3551

Guestbook



[Al Neebel](#)

Created: August 17, 2016

I would like to share a little story. About 5 years ago give or take a friend of mine and I were on our way to Minnesota for the back to the fifties show. We met Harlan at the station where we thought we were gonna have to stay under the awning cause there was a storm headed our way. Harlan said he had a spot in his shed and we could wait the storm out at his place. So we took him up on his offer where we sat and talked for a couple of hours. I am forever great full and will never forget . Rest in peace Harlan. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

AL Neebel



[Scott Phillips](#)

Created: August 16, 2016

So sorry to here about Harlan . We were out of town and didn't know til today . Harlan was truly one of the nices men I've known in my entire life . We will miss him & his caring personality . HE WAS A GREAT MAN !



[Zoe Schaefer](#)

Created: August 15, 2016

So so sorry to hear of this sudden and unexpected loss of your dear Harlan. What a super sweet man. Enjoyed all those nights watching volleyball games with him. Your family is in our hearts and prayers.



[Cam Schrage](#)

Created: August 15, 2016

My sympathy goes out to the Happel family. I always liked visiting with Harlan, he was one of the most polite men I've ever known. He was also a great caregiver of the land. A great man he was, RIP Harlan



[Carmen Bock Covington](#)

Created: August 15, 2016

Do many great memories, comfort and blessings to the family.



[Gerry Staebell](#)

Created: August 12, 2016

What a true gentleman. I enjoyed working with Harlan and will miss our conversations. He will be with us in spirit as we harvest this crop.

Gerry and Vicki Staebell
Jesup,IA



[Tracie Kammeyer](#)

Created: August 12, 2016

I have so many great memories of Harlan. Thinking of all of you. Let the great memories get you thru these tough times.



[Carma J. Bouska](#)

Created: August 12, 2016

So sorry to hear of your loss Laura, Lisa and the rest of your families. May the memories keep you at Peace.



[Mark Lenius](#)

Created: August 12, 2016

I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Harlan when he stopped into the office. We all will miss him.



[Bruce and Marilynn Buxton](#)

Created: August 12, 2016

We are so sorry to see this sad news. I thought so much of Harlan. He was a man who truly cared about people. He will be terribly missed.

Photos



Services

Visitation

St. Paul Lutheran Church

120 W. 4th St.
Readlyn, IA US



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Sunday, August 14, 2016

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Service

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Readlyn

120 West 4th St.
Readlyn, IA US 50668



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Monday, August 15, 2016

10:30 AM

Cemetery

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery- Readlyn

Readlyn, IA US



[Map / Directions](#)



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