



Bob B. Barrickman

November 23, 1925 - June 11, 2015

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Oskaloosa. Bob B. Barrickman, age 89, entered into eternal peace in his sleep on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa. He is now in God's keeping and is forever in our hearts. He was born to Lloyd and Mary (Fenton) Barrickman on November 23, 1925. He grew up on a farm to become an exceptionally hard worker. Bob served in the United States Army. He married the love of his life, Margie (Gorden), in 1946 to begin a 60 year adventure in life. They purchased a farm near Centerville where they raised farm animals, grew crops, sold milk, eggs, cream and berries and welcomed their children into their world. Bob drove a truck for Craver Lumber in Centerville, maintained the Sharon Bluffs State Park and numerous other jobs to support his family and get ahead in life. He accepted a job with Earl May Garden Center in Centerville from where he was transferred to Oskaloosa to become the store manager there. He became well-known to many people in Oskaloosa and surrounding communities through his landscaping, gardening and farm seed services on his job. Bob enjoyed camping, boating and travelling all over this beautiful America. He collected antique tractors, participated in tractor pulls at annual events and showed motors at the Midwest Old Threshers in Mt. Pleasant. He rarely missed the Iowa State Fair. Bob was an active and devoted member in church all of his life and served as Deacon at the Bethel Baptist Church in Oskaloosa. He and Margie sang gospel songs on the radio in Centerville in his early years. Family, friends and neighbors found him always ready to help out with anything. He loved to exchange stories from his life and participate in activities with his children and grandchildren. His ability to let them try new things on their own and learn from mistakes was admirable. He was a joker and always left people smiling. He really, really liked eating fresh tomatoes in the garden as quick as he could pick them.

Bob is survived by his two sons, Dr. Les Barrickman of San Luis Obispo, CA. and Jerry (Robyn) Barrickman of Oskaloosa, IA., two daughters, Patty (Dan) Vermillion of Liberty Twp, OH and Karen (Ed) Parker of Fairfield, IA; five grandchildren, Julia Vermillion, Ben Parker, Heidi (Parker) Gwinn, Holly Barrickman and Christopher Barrickman; a great-grandchild, Jackson Gwinn; a brother, Gary (Dorothy) Barrickman of Centerville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Margie; three sons, Bobby J, Donald E. and Jimmy A.; and a brother, Charles .

Funeral services will be held Tuesday June 16, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, with Reverend Ed Parker officiating. Military Rites will be given by the members of the Oskaloosa American Legion and V.F.W. after the service. Burial will be in the Haines Cemetery north of Centerville, Iowa. Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Monday after 11:00 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 5-8 Monday evening to greet friends and relatives.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church.

Cemetery

Haines Cemetery

Centerville, IA, 52544

Events

JUN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

JUN **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Bethel Baptist Church

1407 'A' Avenue West, Oskaloosa, IA, US

Comments



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Bates Funeral Chapel - June 15, 2015 at 02:35 PM



“ Patty, Les, Karen, and Jerry, Sorry to hear of your loss. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Jane Stapp McCurdy
and
Donald McCurdy



Nancy Stapp McCurdy and Donald McCurdy - June 15, 2015 at 08:07 AM



“ Bob was a good man who had a life well lived. I'll always see him with his pals sitting around the table in the front of the Earl May store, swapping stories and laughing until they had tears in their eyes. Carla and Don Tarr

Carla Tarr - June 14, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ Bob always made you leave his company with a smile on your face. He will truly be missed.

Gary and Barb Fisher - June 13, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ Always made my work day fun whenever he was there. He was a great man and will be missed dearly. Prayers to Jerry and family

Nicole Armbruster - June 12, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ Les, Karen, and Barrickman Family,
May God give you strength and comfort in the days, weeks, and months to come.
You had a wonderful dad.
Lee, Connie, and Lesli Wright



Connie Wright - June 12, 2015 at 04:54 PM



“ I really enjoyed Bob at coffee in the morning ay Hy Vee we had a lot of fun he was always the life of the party. Dan Mccartie

dan mccartie - June 12, 2015 at 04:30 PM



“ Charles R. purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Bob B. Barrickman.



Charles R. - June 12, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ Jeremy, Jason, Wayne and Sue Van Wyk purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bob B. Barrickman.



Susan M Van Wyk - June 12, 2015 at 11:47 AM