



## Harry DeWitt Jr.

October 2, 1963 - May 29, 2019

Harry LeeRoy DeWitt, 55, of Oskaloosa died Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at the MHP Hospital in Oskaloosa. He was born October 2, 1963, in Oskaloosa, the son of Harry and Ann Nicholson DeWitt, Sr. He attended school in Oskaloosa and was active in football and weightlifting. Harry graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1982. Following high school, he joined in father in the family business, DeWitt and Son Welding. He was united in marriage to Judy Kieffer at Lake Keomah State Park. To this union three children were born, Jeremiah, Amelia, and Josh. Harry and Judy later divorced. Harry later went to work as a welder at Vermeer in Pella for 14 years. In 2004, he started DeWitt Welding in Oskaloosa. He traveled all over the Midwest welding on various projects. He worked on jobs at Hilton Coliseum and the walk bridge across the Des Moines River by Wells Fargo Arena to name a few. He was a talented welder and never had trouble gaining certification for difficult projects. He was a member of the Isaac Walton League in Oskaloosa. He enjoyed shooting sports, fishing, hunting, camping, mushroom hunting, and riding 4-wheelers and dirt bikes. He had a lifelong love of motorcycles. He did not care if it was a bike ride around town or a trip out to Sturgis, if it involved a motorcycle, he was game. He was a great friend and always willing to lend a helping hand.

His family includes his three children, Jeremiah DeWitt of Taintor, Amelia (Knicolas) Chamberlain of Tracy, and Josh (Kiersten) DeWitt of Kandiyohi, Minnesota; a grandson, Zakaius DeWitt; a grandchild to be born in August; two sisters, Charlene (Kelly) Forbes of Crowley, Texas and Sue (Dennis) Goodman of Oskaloosa; his “adopted son”, Jason Hicks of Oskaloosa; and many nieces and nephews.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents.

As was Harry’s wish, his body has been cremated. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Private family graveside service and burial will be held at the Henness Cemetery at a later date. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the family and will be used to purchase a headstone for Harry.

# Cemetery

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## Heness Cemetery

southwest of Oskaloosa, IA,

# Events

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**OCT** **Graveside Service** 09:00AM

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southwest of Oskaloosa, IA, US

# Comments

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“ So sad to hear this. Just saw him the other day. He was a great neighbor and friend!  
Hugs and prayers for his kids!

**Bob and Cindy Martin** - June 07, 2019 at 07:56 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this. We send our love and prayers to the family from Harry and  
Joni.

**Joni Nicholson** - May 31, 2019 at 08:47 PM

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“ So sorry to all the family. My condolences.



**Debra Scholtus Lowe** - May 31, 2019 at 04:07 PM

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“ Jeff Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Harry DeWitt Jr.



**Jeff Ferguson** - May 31, 2019 at 01:24 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss. Cleda Crill

**Cleda Crill** - May 31, 2019 at 10:14 AM

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“ Tracey Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Harry DeWitt Jr.



**Tracey Mitchell** - May 30, 2019 at 11:46 PM

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“ Shari Riner lit a candle in memory of Harry DeWitt Jr.



**Shari Riner** - May 30, 2019 at 10:57 PM

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“ Went to elementary school with Harry. He always went out way to weld stuff for my dad and grandfather. Great person.

**Todd Boender** - May 30, 2019 at 10:50 PM

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“ God bless you Harry, Rest In Peace. My thoughts for your mourning family. We lit a candle for you.

**Charles Collison** - May 30, 2019 at 10:48 PM

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“ James Robbins lit a candle in memory of Harry DeWitt Jr.



**James Robbins** - May 30, 2019 at 10:27 PM

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“ Brenda Stout-Greer lit a candle in memory of Harry DeWitt Jr.



**Brenda Stout-Greer** - May 30, 2019 at 10:21 PM

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“ Stacy Taylor Lindsley lit a candle in memory of Harry DeWitt Jr.



**Stacy Taylor Lindsley** - May 30, 2019 at 09:56 PM

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“ Harry was a great guy with a sense of humor that always made me laugh. I really enjoyed working with him, Roy A. Wharton

**Roy A Wharton** - May 30, 2019 at 07:56 PM