



Henry Edward Lisk

June 1, 1927 - May 18, 2016

Henry Edward Lisk, 88, of Oskaloosa, died Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. He was born June 1, 1927, in Mahaska County, the son of Ralph G. and Mary Mabel Zeigler Lisk. Ed graduated from Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1944. Following graduation, he attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. On August 22, 1945, he entered the United States Air Force. His time in the Air Force took him all over the world. On February 1, 1947, Ed was honorably discharged from the Air Force. He returned to Mahaska County and began farming south of Oskaloosa. On August 20, 1949, he was united in marriage to Betty Louise Smith in the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa. In 1955, they moved into Oskaloosa and Ed worked as a meter reader and maintenance man for the Oskaloosa Water Department. In 1957, the family moved to a farm they purchased on the north edge of Oskaloosa. Ed went to work for the United States Postal Service in 1962, he retired from there in 1987. He retired from farming in 2013, he and Betty continued to live on the farm until Ed's death. He was a member of the American Legion and V.F.W., and the National Association of Letter Carriers. Ed loved to go to the sprint car races at Knoxville, in 1951, he was one of the fans that saw the first sprint car race at Knoxville. He also enjoyed restoring old tractors and cars, woodworking, helping at the Nelson Pioneer Farm, and Sunday road trips. He and Betty traveled many places they especially enjoyed their trip to Europe and Alaska. He was active in the Democratic Party.

His family includes his wife of over 66 years, Betty Lisk of Oskaloosa; four children, Marcia (George) Edgington of Dixon, Missouri, Elizabeth (Gary) Moore of Montezuma, Vicky Schreiner of Oskaloosa, and Gary Lisk of Oskaloosa; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jennifer, Jon, Jolene, Meagan, Lindsay, Amanda, Matthew, and Brooke; twenty-nine great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a sister, Nadine Moore of Oskaloosa; and many nieces and nephews.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Maxine Goldman.

A memorial service will be held Monday, May 23, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Bates Funeral

Chapel with Reverend Michael Dotson officiating. Military rites will be given at the funeral home following the service by members of the Oskaloosa American Legion and V.F.W. As was Ed's wish his body has been cremated and burial of the urn will be at a later date in the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation with the family present will be held Monday, May 23, 2016, at 11:30 until service time at 1:00 p.m.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

634 North 9th Street

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Comments



“ Today is October 6, 2016. I just found out of Ed's passing. I work for the pipeline and knew Ed for 25 years. Always enjoyed visiting with him. He was always cheerful and so polite. Randy Stonebraker, Sigourney

Randy Stonebraker - October 06, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ Hello Ed or his family:
I am Don Bouma who lived across the road from Ralph , Ed and his sisters from 1932 until we had to move west of Beacon in 1939. Mrs Lisk helped deliver me on 6-26-1932. Ed and I played together and got in trouble together. We learned to smoke together. We were going to smoke corn silk with his and my pipe. My mom caught me getting matches from the house. My folks ask me if I wanted to smoke. Yes. Does Edward want to smoke also. Sure. Dad got us together in the shade on the east side of the house. He had Prince Albert -in a can with our discovered pipes. I think Ralph always smoked a pipe such that his teeth formed that way. So Ed and I smoked and smoked. I got so sick I said call the doctor, but not Ed - yet. later Mrs Lisk said they did not know why but Ed go up from supper, ran into the garden and puked his guts out. During threshing Ed rode the horse and carried the water jug to all the men in the field, I wanted to be with Ed on the skinny horse so I always ran away from home to where I heard the threshing would be. Once Ed and I were on the run north near Sophers farm/ We saw the dust from mom's car so we hid off the road in the tall "horse weeds". When mom passed we got back on the road but mom saw us thru her rear view mirror. Boy did I get it at that night. I guess you can say we had fun together. Never saw Ed at all after we had to move. I did see his sisters at our High school reunions. Oh yes we also tried to ride the milk cows because the "knew" us - friendly oh "no" with some bruises. Boy could Mrs Lisk make good cinniman rolls.

Don from Denver CO. 303-757-4186.

Donald Dean Bouma - August 23, 2016 at 03:48 PM



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Bates Funeral Chapel - May 23, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ I am so Blessed to have him as my Dad. He was a kind, gentle, loving compassionate man.
He truly lived the kind of life we all should try to live.
Dad, I love you so much and will have beautiful memories to last me a lifetime.
The Angels are rejoicing with you in Heaven.

Marcia Edgington - May 21, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ Grandpa Ed was always fun to be around. I remember him playing tag with us kids and signing my autograph book. Him and Dad became friends while at the Oskaloosa Water Dept.



Sherry Werner - May 20, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are for this family. Such wonderful memories I have of each of you and I am loving you from a distance. Heaven has gained a great man. Hold him close in your heart as you grieve.

Sandy (Seibert) Webster - May 20, 2016 at 05:47 AM



“ Spent a lot of my teen years at "the farm". He truly was a good man. This picture of him is exactly how I remember him. Never easy to lose a loved one. May you eventually find peace in your memories. My condolences.

Mary "Lewis" Wisbrock

Mary Wisbrock - May 19, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. May your memories be beautiful and you share them for generations to come. Mona Bond

Mona Bond - May 19, 2016 at 01:36 PM



“ I love you so much, grandpa. I will miss you immensely. Thank you for being such a wonderful being and bringing so much happiness to my life. I'll always think of you fondly. I love you.



Lindsay S. - May 19, 2016 at 07:27 AM



“ Marcia and family, We are sorry to hear of your loss and have you and all of your family in our prayers.



Nancy Stapp McCurdy - May 19, 2016 at 06:24 AM



“ Gary, Mandy, Matt & families - we lift your family in prayer during this time. May you find comfort, peace and strength during this time. Love, The Bellinger family (Bryon, Christy & Terryk)

Christy Bellinger - May 19, 2016 at 04:35 AM



“ Dear Marcia, Betty and family..I am so very, very sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincerest condolences. Peace and strength to all for the days ahead.

Emily Wallace - May 18, 2016 at 09:11 PM