



Harold James Clarcken

October 25, 1935 - March 14, 2015

Harold James Clarcken, son of Henry and Mary Clarcken, was born on October 25, 1935 and grew up on a farm near Corwith, Iowa.

Harold graduated from Corwith High School and went to junior college on a baseball scholarship as a pitcher. After playing semi-pro baseball for a short time, Harold became a fireman in both Webster City and Waukee for a combined 20 years. Following that, he worked at Bridgestone/Firestone in Des Moines for 28 years and was a member of the URW/USW Union. On May 20, 1956, he married Betty Long of Webster City, Iowa. They lived in Webster City, Humboldt, West Des Moines, and Waukee, Iowa. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee for 49 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one son, Danny Clarcken, a sister, Alice Schroeder, an infant brother, and both of his parents.

Survivors include one son, Kevin (Julie) Clarcken, and three daughters, Debra Hueholt-Hartman, Michelle (Todd) Van Maanen, and Annette (Grant) Duncan. He cherished his eight grandchildren- Jared (Meghan Walter) Hueholt, Erin (Joseph) Hill, Kelsey Ihde, Taylor Sullivan, Jesse Van Maanen, Molly Ihde, Daniel Clarcken, and Justin Clarcken as well as five great grandchildren, Wylie, Dawson, Amesley, Natalie and Carter. Harold's gift of storytelling kept all of his family greatly entertained. He was very proud of being an Irishman and loved history, reading, the outdoors, as well as traveling.

Harold died on March 14, 2015 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa after a very short battle with leukemia. He was visited by many friends and then

surrounded by his family as he peacefully passed away.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM, Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee, Iowa. Visitation with the family present will be 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Monday, March 16, 2015 at St. Boniface Church with a Prayer Service at 7:00 pm.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Boniface Church in Waukee, Iowa in loving memory of Harold Clarken.

All flower deliveries may be made to:

St Boniface Church

1200 Warrior Lane

Waukee, Iowa

Cemetery Details

Waukee Cemetery

Waukee, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
1200 Warrior Ln
Waukee, IA 50263

Prayer Service

MAR 16. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Harold was a neighbor of ours whom we met several years ago when we moved to Waukee. We always enjoyed visiting with him when he was outside and we came by walking our dog. He had a great sense of humor and a quick, wry wit. We are sorry for your loss, and we will miss Harold.
David & Diane Leonard

David & Diane Leonard - March 17, 2015 at 01:52 PM

 Tamie Hopper

“ *Clarcken family,*
I will always remember your Dad for how caring and loving he was. He always had a smile whenever I saw him. He will be missed, but I know he is now with your Mom and they are both smiling down upon you. My sympathy and condolences to all of you. Hugs and love, Tamie and Ken Hopper.

Tamie Hopper - March 16, 2015 at 08:18 PM

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“ *The Clarcken Family*
We were so sad to hear about your Dad's illness just a couple of days ago. Now his passing. We talked to him for about 45 mins just before we left for Texas. He always had a wonderful sense of humor. It was a delight to talk with him! You will have wonderful memories.
George and Jo Ann Robison

George & Jo Ann Robison - March 15, 2015 at 12:04 PM