



## Joseph W. Workman

November 21, 1921 - March 8, 2020

CEDAR FALLS - Joseph "Joe" Workman, 98, of Mason City, Iowa, formerly of Cedar Falls, went to be with his Lord and his wife, Bertha, on Sunday, March 8th following a life full of faith, family, and love.

Joe was born in Malcom, Iowa, to parents Albert and Esther (Kelley) Workman, on November 21, 1921. He grew up in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In 1941, Joe started working at Viking Pump. On December 31, 1941, he married the love of his life, Bertha Ann Marx, in Lancaster, Missouri. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, spending the next three years working in a repair shop in Brazil. He returned to Cedar Falls and worked at Viking Pump. A daughter, Diane Marie, was born in 1946. During the Korean War, Joe was called into the Navy again. He was stationed in San Diego, California. His family moved there too. After his discharge they returned to Cedar Falls, with Joe returning to work at Viking Pump. A son, James Alan, was born in 1954. Joe moved up to supervisory positions, with his last position being in the Specialty Dept. at the South Main Street Plant. After 41 years with Viking Pump, he retired. Joe enjoyed playing golf and cards. He was active in his church as an usher for many years.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Diane Monroe; three grandchildren, Mike (Michelle) DeHart, Tim (Heather) DeHart, and Chad Workman; great grandchildren, Brittany (Jeremy) Bartling, Andrew and Joe DeHart, Kayla DeHart, Mason Hatfield, Ady and Tucker Workman; twin great-great granddaughters, Charlotte and Savannah Bartling; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and son.

Joe had a beautiful ginger cat, Sunshine. They were best friends with Sunshine taking a nap on his lap for as long as two hours. She would leave a toy mouse in his bedroom and in the kitchen over night.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 14th at Richardson Funeral Service with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Military Honors will be conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 Honor Guard and the U.S. Navy Funeral Honors Detail.

# Cemetery

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## Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA, 50613

# Events

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**MAR 14 Visitation 09:30AM - 11:00AM**

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Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street, Cedar Falls, IA, US, 50613

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**MAR 14 Burial with Military Honors**

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Fairview Cemetery  
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# Comments

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“ I have too many great memories of growing up on 10th Street to count. Joe, Bertha, Diane and Jimmy were our neighbors through them all. My condolences to you, Diane.

Cathy Willoughby

Cathy Willoughby - March 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ Joe and Bertha lived across from our family on 10th Street in Cedar Falls. Jimmy was the same age as my sister Kirsten and I was a year younger. When I was around six years old I was outside one morning playing in the street with some of the other kids from the neighborhood. Someone spotted a nickel in the sand below the storm sewer grate about four feet down. This grate was in front of Bob and Melba Kelly's home next to us.

I ran home to tell my father about the coin and to see if he couldn't retrieve it for me. It must have been Saturday morning or a holiday or my dad wouldn't have been home.

A nickel was a lot of money back then. You could buy a lot of candy at Llewellyn's Little Store with that.

My father took a look and he proceeded to deliver a sermon. He said it was hopeless and people needed to take better care of their money and he hoped we would never be so careless and fritter our money away a let it go down the drain. Having imparted to us kids valuable words of wisdom my father headed home self-satisfied.

At some point Jimmy had shown up. So he went home and told his father about the nickel in the storm sewer. A while later Joe came over. He had a six foot pole with him. On the end he had smeared what I'm guessing was grease. Pretty soon he had rescued the nickel and Jimmy was five cents richer.

John Koch

John Koch - March 14, 2020 at 10:13 PM

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“ Diane, with deepest condolences I am holding you all in my thoughts and prayers as you celebrate your dad's life by remembering the "good times". And then remember that "The Rose Still Blooms Beyond the Wall". May he rest in peace, and may you find the "peace which passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

{{{HUGS}}}

Mary Ellen Wheat



Mary Ellen Wheat - March 12, 2020 at 01:05 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Workman.



March 11, 2020 at 05:24 PM