



## Marvin L. Brewster

June 22, 1929 - June 2, 2020

CEDAR FALLS – Marvin Lee Brewster, 90, of Cedar Falls died Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the Western Home Communities – Martin Suites.

He was born June 22, 1929 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of William J. Oeschger-Brewster and Louise Zuber Brewster. He married Flora Marie Ericksen on October 23, 1960 at College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.

Marvin graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1947. He served in the State Guard of Iowa from 1946 to 1948 and then the Iowa Army National Guard as a Master Sergeant until 1958, during the Korean Conflict. He attended the Honor Flight on May 5, 2015, with his daughter. He was a certified welder with Iowa Public Service Company for 35 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of College Hill Lutheran Church and involved with Boy Scouts of America for over 40 years, serving as Den Leader and Assistant Scout Master.

Survived by: his wife of Western Home Communities; a daughter, Cindy (Scott) Loder of Cedar Falls; a son, Rodney Brewster of Ames; two granddaughters, Ashley (Phil) Tieu of West Des Moines, and Kayla (Aaron) Moore of Waverly; four great grandchildren: Luna Tieu, Jaxon, Jaycee, and Jager Moore; half-sister, Kathy Nickel of Nampa, ID; and half-brother, William N. Brewster of Cedar Rapids.

Preceded in death by: a half-sister, Eva Jean Anderson; and brother, Harold Brewster.

Private graveside services will be held in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Waterloo. Military Honors will be conducted by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49 Honor Guard and the Iowa Army National Guard. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to College Hill Lutheran Church, or to the family to be used for memorials and veterans issues at the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post 49.

# Cemetery

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## Garden of Memories

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# Comments

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“ Paul Schmellik, College Hill Lutheran Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marvin L. Brewster.



**Amatsuka Masatsugu** - June 07, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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“ I last saw Marv and Flora at his birthday celebration a year ago at the Western Home. He was as sharp as he always was and recognized me right away when he saw me, One of my fondest memories of Marv will always be how he used to greet me before divine service at College Hill Lutheran Church. He would always shake my hand and say, "you old devil, you" I am thankful for having known Marv and will miss him terribly.

Sincerely,  
Paul Schmellik

**Amatsuka Masatsugu** - June 07, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Thank you Paul for the memories! He would always tell me when you visited them at the nursing home. You were so faithful about visiting him, and he knew you cared. I'll never forget the time you brought him "spicy" M & M's . Dad handed some to me, and laughed so hard at my reaction to eating them! I didn't expect the spice! Ha! I will share with mom, your kind words. Thank you - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 02:13 PM

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“ I was always so grateful that Marv would come and visit with the Boy Scouts of 158 at Orchard Hill Church. They loved working with him and his famous rope making machine. He was always so patient with the boys. The scouts would walk away so proud that they made a rope that they thought couldn't be done. Marv always made a difference. Old photos and stories, making rope. I am so proud to have known him and worked with him for many years. We will always remember him and miss his Scout Spirit!

Steve Sesterhenn, Past Scoutmaster Troop 158.

Steve Sesterhenn - June 05, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Thank you Steve for your kind words. Scouting was a huge part of his life, and I know my brother has many great memories with him and Pack 158. I spent so many days on the "sidelines" of pack meetings, events and every chili supper! My mom started me in Camp Fire Girls as my leader. The love for nature, love of the land and the simple things he and my mom taught me. I then became a Girl Scout Leader myself. I want you to know that that infamous rope making machine has remained with the scouting program per Marvin's wishes. The wonderment in the eyes of children as future ropes are created right before their eyes will live on in him. I will share your passionate words with my mom. Thank you. - Cindy

Cindy Loder - June 07, 2020 at 07:43 AM



“ As a Boy Scout when you meet Marv he looked like a tough as nails scout leader, but he was kind and gentle soul. He would show that smirk of a smile and you knew he was your friend. Marv was passionate about scouting and as Klondike Pete for years he made sure young scouts enjoyed that old tradition of pulling sleds and competition to improve your scouting skills. Those scouting skills translated in life skills, so thank you Marv for making me a better person.

Bob Brunkhorst  
Former Camp Staff

Bob Brunkhorst - June 05, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ Thank you Bob for your kind words. He was very passionate about sharing his knowledge with the kids! He didn't take learning skills lightly, he wanted everyone to know everything he knew! My husband, Scott spent each and every Klondike with him up at camp. Cold, snowy and even the wet muddy races. He would help my dad cut out each personalized badge for the event. I will share your passionate words with my mom. Thank you - Cindy

Cindy Loder - June 07, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ I will miss seeing Marv at the Western Home. He was always gracious and had a smile, when we visited our family member. Will be thinking of your family and Flora. Our sympathy & God speed,  
Mike's family

**Donna P.** - June 05, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ Thank you Donna for your kind words. We love Mike!! His smile was contagious! I'll never forget the times we sat together during music therapy in a big circle. He could direct like none other! I will pass your sympathies along to my mom. Thank you - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 07:57 AM

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“ So sorry Cindy & Scott and family. For your loss. You have our deepest sympathies...

**James Wahner** - June 04, 2020 at 11:39 PM



“ Thank you James for your kind thoughts. - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:03 AM

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“ Such beautiful benches they are. You were always such a sweet scouter. Always willing to teach us new by Scout Leaders the tricks of the trade. Tell Claude Brown howdy. Keep the camp fire going coffee and got chocolate on. God bless you family. Antelope Doug and Mommabear Char Melcher. May the Eagles deliver you safely to home.!

**Char, Doug and James Melcher.** - June 04, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Thank you all for your kind words and memories. Those benches were built to last, just like everything he made! There will be a great reunion of scouters in heaven making their famous camp fire donuts and sipping camp coffee. I have his recipe for donuts, as he shared so many of these with me as a Girl Scout Leader myself, so making these will be an honor. I will share your sympathies with my mom. Thank you - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:07 AM

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“ Cindy.....I am so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers

**Connie Wymore** - June 04, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Thank you Connie for your kind thoughts. Our days at College Hill Lutheran together will be forever remembered. I will share your condolences with my mom. See you soon, and hopefully a hug after COVID. Thank you - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:09 AM

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**francismcelroy** - June 04, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Dad enjoyed his time with Pedro! Many of these wooden towers were created in our driveway then loaded up to take to camp for your projects! What wonderful memories and his spirit of scouting will remain forever at the camp grounds. Thank you for sharing! - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:14 AM

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“ Marvin was a favorite of mine at Western Home Martin Suites. Always Happy to see me and cooperated when he knew it was me. He remembered my voice and my face. He always said Hey Gal that was our way of letting each other know he knew it was me. I was always happy to see him and his wife we had happy conversations about things he used to enjoy doing and the wood work he done. He was the joy of my days when working. Marv will be missed by me. “Gone from our sight but never from our hearts” My condolences to his sweet loving family. “I wish you healing and peace”

**Tanniaah Spates CNA/CMA** - June 04, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Thank you Tanniaah for your kind words. Isn't it wonderful that his rough edges were sanded off in the last couple of years! You had a special way with him, and I so appreciate all that you did for him in your loving and caring ways. Thanks again for caring and loving my mom and dad. Mom will continue to feel your love. Thank you for all you do for the residents, you are our family. - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ Thank you Cindy! I'm glad I could be apart of him. I enjoyed Your dad and will continue enjoying your mom! Your family was awesome and appreciated the care that was given by me. I'm blessed to be apart of your family! God Bless!

**Tanniaah** - June 14, 2020 at 12:14 PM

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“ Cindy and Rodney, I am so sorry for your loss. We certainly share a lot of memories of the farm in days gone by. I also remember a lot of Thanksgivings with Dorthea's and Harold's families....and your dog, Rags. Take care, Big Cindy (Harrington) Studnicka

**Cindy Studnicka** - June 04, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Oh dear Cindy, thank you for your memories! I've shared so many of those days with Nate each time we saw him at the nursing home. Uncanny how much he looks like your dad, Don. That was one of the best things for mom, I think she saw Don each time he would assist her. They have a special relationship. I'll always hold close the memories and laughter we shared on those Thanksgivings at the farm. From milking cows, to riding on the tractor..and a few others that I can't share on here! Ha! Ha! And Aunt Ginny's pies....heavenly! I'm sure she's slicing up a piece for dad right now with a cup of coffee! Shows that friends become some of the best family! Thank you for your sympathies, and I will share these with mom. Love always from "Little Cindy"

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:25 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin L. Brewster.



June 04, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ To the family of Marv- he was one of the first people I met when I worked at Camp Ingawanis. He was opinionated, and kind. Courteous and thorough. Loyal and determined. I will miss our visits, and may God bless Marv as he enters the gates of Heaven.

**Paul Lee** - June 03, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ To the family of Marv,  
It is with much sorrow and many memories that I read of Marv's passing. I met Marv as a first year teacher at Longfellow Elementary In 1988-89 while participating on the Partners In Education committee. Marv's kindness, leadership, and genuine love of kids were Just a few of his finest qualities. The building of the My Waterloo Days Parades was always a great adventure and the times were often filled with many hours of hard work, great ideas, conversations, and much laughter. Seeing how much fun the kids had in the parade, each year, made it all worth it! I know Marv also was very active in scouts so his outreach with children was vast and impactful. May he be blessed in his new adventures.  
Brenda Sanders Thune

**Brenda (Sanders) Thune** - June 04, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ Than you for sharing your memories of my dear uncle.

**Robyn Potter Bietz** - June 04, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Thank you Paul for your kinds words. You're so right, he certainly was rough around the edges, yet had a heart for scouting and learning. Know that those rough edges that I know very well that you speak of were sanded off smooth in the last couple of years. So many nursing home staff stories can be shared of the complete change in this man that they experienced. I will share your words with my mom. Thank you - Cindy

Thank you Brenda for sharing your memories and kind words. I'll never forget the Longfellow stories he would share, and the love he felt for those kiddos! He loved an adventure, and if it needed to be created, he was right there to get it done! Guess that's were I get it from! Ha! I will certainly share these memories and wishes with my mom!  
Thank you - Cindy

**Cindy Loder** - June 07, 2020 at 08:32 AM