



## Ray M. Boots

August 29, 1924 - October 17, 2020

CEDAR FALLS – Ray Magee Boots, 96, died on Saturday, October 17th, at NewAldaya Lifescapes following a six-year illness due to stroke.

Ray was born August 29, 1924, in Ohio, Missouri, son of William Ray Lucy (Magee) Boots. He married Patricia Lindy in 1949 and they divorced. He married Myra R. Davis of Cedar Falls in 1966.

Ray served in the Navy Air Corps from 1943 to 1946. Following graduation from the University of Northern Iowa, Ray worked as an independent insurance agent and a farm owner and manager. In the past years, Ray had been a member of the American Legion, Shriners, Sartoma Club, and the UNI Athletic Club.

Survived by: his wife; two sons, Robert of Waterloo and John (Shelley) of Tustin, CA; one daughter, Linda Spoon of Wellsville, PA; one adopted son, John Scott (Doreen) Davis of Tigard, OR; a son-in-law, Daniel (Diana) Diemer of Las Cruces, NM; eight grandchildren: Rebecca, Miriam, Taylor, Tyler, Amanda, Timothy, and Olivia; and seven great grandchildren: Vincent, Gabriel, Riley, Owen, Marlaina, Macklynn, and Michael.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Robert; and an adopted daughter, Janaan Diemer.

A private family memorial service will be held at NewAldaya Chapel. A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2021 for friends and family. Memorials may be directed to the UNI Foundation or NewAldaya Lifescapes. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Ray enjoyed his family, golfing with friends, traveling overseas, camping and trailering, fishing, and playing cards. He was an ardent fan of UNI athletics and established scholarships for women's volleyball and wrestling athletes. Ray lived a fruitful and caring life and will be missed by all.

# Comments

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ray M. Boots.



October 23, 2020 at 04:45 PM

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“ I was sad when I read about Ray's passing but also recalled many wonderful memories. I remember Ray as cheerful and welcoming whenever we visited your family home. Myra and Ray hosted many events, department gatherings, Soroptomist club meetings, among others. We were blessed to know Ray and Myra.

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers,

Lauren

Lauren Nelson - October 23, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Ray's passing. He was quite a guy. I enjoyed the many rounds of golf I got to share with him at Beaver Hills.

Dick Warhol - October 20, 2020 at 10:37 PM

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Walt and Sherry Ertz - October 20, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ Dear Myra, Scott, and your family,

Thank you for sharing Ray with so many of us friends over the decades. He was such a kind man, always quick to lend a hand or an idea. My first such experience with Ray was shortly after I came to Cedar Falls, and Myra and I became colleagues. I needed a car! Ray jumped right into the discussion to direct me to a friend of his in LaPorte City (as I recall), who enabled me to get a new Chevy at a most reasonable price! We reconnected in his last years when I would come to NewAldaya to hear jazz. Every Friday evening, Myra and Ray had their date night at Elm's Pub, enjoying jazz while having something to eat and drink. Also, Myra's carefully organized celebration for Ray's 95th is a fond memory. My deep sympathy to you all. Judy Harrington

**Judith Harrington** - October 19, 2020 at 04:20 PM