



Ben Eastman

May 7, 1916 - October 14, 2009

Benjamin H. Eastman (1916-2009)

CEDAR FALLS- Benjamin H. Eastman, 93, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born May 7, 1916 in Iowa Falls, the son of Benjamin H. and Helen E. Benschhoff Eastman. He married Ruth Dexter in 1937; she died in 1962. He married Kathryn Funk and she preceded him in death. He then married Evelyn Waitek in 1971. She died December 26, 2003.

Mr. Eastman graduated from Ellsworth Community College in 1935 and owned and operated Iowa Toy Company for thirty years. He volunteered for the Western Home, Meals on Wheels, and the Red Cross, where he was named Red Cross Volunteer of the Year.

Survivors include two sons, Bill (Karen) Eastman of Sun Lakes, AZ, and Barry (Janice) Eastman of Naples, FL; two step-sons, Jay (Dee) Waitek of Rock Falls, and Marc Waitek of Mason City; a step daughter, Barbara (Louie) Guyot of Henderson, KY; six grandchildren, Sue (Rick) Morkel, Mark (Kim) Eastman, Amy (Dave) Abraham, Jody Eastman, Barry (Ann) Eastman, and Todd (Kristi) Eastman; fourteen great-grandchildren; and several step grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by a brother, Le Roy; a sister, Betty Jean; and a grandson, Craig Eastman.

Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday at Prairie Lakes Church with burial in Alcock Cemetery, Frederika. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Home, and for one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Western Home Foundation or American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ Our family (Vicki,lynn&linda,refa & leon(ponce) stoler) would like to send our caring thoughts to the family. our thoughts are with you..

October 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our condolences. Ben was great to us, and to all, but most of all, he was wonderful to my mother. I truly beleive the years they were married was the happiest time of her life. I regret we can't be there with you in this time of sorrow.

October 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, Karen, Sue & Mark, my condolences to you and your families on the loss of your father and grandfather. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in your time of loss. We hope you have many fond memories to keep and share of his time with you. God Bless.

October 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill & Barry, the West Family,Pauline,Gary and Chuck with to extend to your families our thoughts and wishes to comfort you in the loss of Ben. What a wonderful guy who always remembered others and was so kind to all he came in contact with. Cedar Falls will miss him.

October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of Ben. He was such a wonderful man, and such a gentle soul. He will always remain in my heart as my favorite "Popcorn Man" from Prairie Lakes, and I will truly miss his stories.*

May God grant the family peace in knowing that Ben now walks with the Lord.

October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM