



Eldon Hayes

June 23, 1933 - May 28, 2022

Eldon F. Hayes, 88, of Cedar Falls, passed away May 28, 2022 at the Western Home Communities-Deery Suites.

Eldon was born June 28, 1933 in Cottonville, Iowa, the son of Clare and Mary Isabelle (O'Rourke) Hayes. He attended Jackson County Public Schools until they left the farm. He then attended Holy Rosary School in LaMotte, Iowa, graduating in the class of 1951. He worked at the Adams Manufacturing Co. until he was drafted into the Army in 1954. He spent his service time in the 586th ordinance Co. in Orleans, France and later was honorably discharged in 1958. He was then employed at Rainbo Tire Co in Dubuque until the family moved to Cedar Falls in 1963. He worked for various tire companies until 1974 when he went to work for John Deery Motors, retiring in 1998.

In his semi-retirement, he became the Administrative Assistant for the Iowa Knights of Columbus for seven years.

He married Winifred "Winnie" Grace August 23, 1958 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in North Garryowen, Iowa. She died April 25, 2017. They had four children, John Vincent, James Eldon, Michael Edward and Mary Margaret.

He is survived by his children, John (Jeannine), James (Sarah), Michael (Kari), and Mary Cory (Rodney); nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Arlene Grobstich and Dorothy Fury; brother, Marvin and a grandchild, Daniel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2022 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls, with inurnment at a later date in Greenwood

Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the Richardson Funeral Service where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary and a 6:45 p.m. Vigil.

Memorials may be directed to St Patrick Catholic Church or Western Home Communities. The family wishes to thank the staff of Western Home for their tender care and important mission.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 2. 4:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

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Vigil

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Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear of the loss of my first cousin Eldon Hayes. Eldons dad Clare and my father Robert were brothers. Eldon and Winnie always made a point of stopping to visit my wife Alma and I on their trips to Texas. We live in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Eldon and I lost Our wives 1 month apart in 2017. I loved to visit with Eldon because he always had a positive attitude and a big smile. He will be sorely missed.

Ken Hayes - June 05, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ Your friends at DVL-FINN Partners purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Eldon Hayes.



Your friends at DVL-FINN Partners - June 02, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



June 02, 2022 at 08:30 AM

RF

“ Worked with Eldon in the early 80's at what was then Deery Pontiac-Dodge, what a great guy! Always enjoyed a good joke and I don't believe I ever heard a foul word come from his mouth, quite a rarity in the world of dealerships but Eldon was not your typical employee. Seeing his name amongst the obituaries made me sad, but seeing his smile brought a smile to my face. God speed my friend!

Robert Frost - June 01, 2022 at 08:03 PM

GW

“ Mike - so sorry to read of the loss your father. May you be blessed with the peace and comfort of memories. Jim and Gretchen Warkentin

Gretchen Warkentin - June 01, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



June 01, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



June 01, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.*



June 01, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *I will always remember how kind and thoughtful Eldon was. He was always quick to smile and it was always special occasion when Eldon and Winnie came to our farm for a visit or we ran into them at a wedding. It was something to see how my dad and Eldon would recall their times together as youths and regale everyone with their stories. Their faces would light up and it was like they were kids again and it was a gift to be there when it happened.*

Eldon will be missed but not forgotten, as his memory and inspiration to live life well is something that we can all take to heart and pass on to others we meet. Love you Elden and God Bless.

Russ and Danielle (O'Rourke)

Russ O'Rourke - May 31, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.*



May 31, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



May 30, 2022 at 06:05 PM



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May 30, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



May 30, 2022 at 10:02 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



May 29, 2022 at 11:12 PM

MC

“ I remember Eldon as my classmate for close to our 12 years at Holy Rosary School in LaMotte, IA. He was well liked and was a real gentleman. I am glad to have known him and will remember him and his family in my prayers.

Marcelline Theisen Capesius - class of 1951

Marcelline Capesius - May 29, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon Hayes.



May 29, 2022 at 08:53 PM