



## Harlan Hughes

January 12, 1928 - August 18, 2022

Harlan S. Hughes, 94, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, August 18, 2022, at his home.

He was born on January 12, 1928, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the son of Earl J. and Clara (Christensen) Hughes. He married Marlys M. Christensen on December 28, 1946.

Harlan is survived by his wife, Marlys, of Cedar Falls; two sons, Ronald S. Hughes of Dunedin, FL, and Howard C. Hughes of Cedar Falls, IA; two daughters, Shelly Ann Beeghly of Weldon Spring, MO, and Maureen Marlys Weichers of Waverly, IA; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister, Juanita Rekers of Cedar Falls, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Harriet and Beulah.

There will be a private family service. Memorials may be directed to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, or Cedar Valley Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

GB

“ Harlan will be missed. Such memories we have of our family and yours over the years. Always think of you when New Year's Day comes around. We are sending our deepest sympathy. Gary and Donna Brown

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**Gary and Donna Brown** - August 29, 2022 at 02:58 PM

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“ So much this wonderful farmer taught me, his city-boy nephew, about a different perspective on life-one filled with hard work, animals, machines and most of all, laughter and love. I'll never forget your laugh or your voice of wisdom, Uncle Harlan.

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**Scott Randall** - August 25, 2022 at 03:13 PM

SB

“ Marlys and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep the family in my prayers during this difficult time. I have so many memories of Harlan and the family growing up just two miles away from you. I am so glad that I was able to visit with both of you this past June when I was up for my class reunion in Hudson. Know that you are being thought about fondly.

Your Friend, Sharon Bennink

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**Sharon Bennink** - August 22, 2022 at 11:05 AM

MW

“ Harlan and Marlys and their family were prominent members of the First United Methodist Church where our families attended everything that "went on", (in our "growing up" years), and they were always available to drive a car load of kids to Clear Lake, Iowa for Church Camp every summer. In 1971 Harlan and Marlys even visited me in Dunoon, Scotland!!! GOOD MEMORIES!!!  
When you think about Harlan and miss him, just remember that, "the Rose still grows beyond the wall". R.I.P. Harlan.  
Mary Ellen Wheat

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**Mary Ellen Wheat** - August 21, 2022 at 07:31 PM

DF

“ Harlan was my wonderful uncle. I grew up on a farm two miles from theirs. He and my Dad raised us to work on the farm, but then they both enjoyed letting us have fun. They would take us go karting in Waterloo for a reward after making. Just as they validated us to let us drive a tractor, they'd go out and bump & race w us. On July 3rd after chores, they'd head off to Missouri border for fireworks. We knew they loved the adventure themselves. They'd get back well after midnight . The next morning and we'd get up excited like Ralphie & his brother in A Christmas Story.

All 4th of July , they'd sit in lawn chairs and "supervise" a continual day of fire crackers & bottle rocks We'd set off. Again, we got to go through a rite of passage . If you didn't get it out of your toss in time, you'd get a bad sting on the end of your fingers. Once burned, you learned.

The night was finished off with sparklers .... and then Harlan & Galen would light off the one or two skyrockets they'd bought special. Each of those was a magical, memorable part of growing up .

When our Dad, Galen, died from heart complications in a sudden 6 week span , Harlan had been up to see him often. As Marlys said, it was like he lost the brother he never had.

Harlan became the de facto Grandpa for our son Ben. Ben grew up with the same permission and urging to have fun & excitement. As many of you experienced, Harlan's was a Disneyland of rides and fun things to try. Ben got to ride on Howard's three wheeler and drive a snowmobile... alone. He was lucky and having his own extreme sports .. and reveled in it.

Harlan and Howard came to Ben's travel hockey games for 8 year in Waterloo but also road trips to Mason City and Des Moines.

Ron , Howard, Tom, Mike and I along w all the Obrien girls.... We were so lucky to grow up on those farms at that time and with Harlan as a Dad, uncle or grandpa.

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David Furneaux - August 18, 2022 at 11:10 PM

SS

“ Harlan was a fantastic man with a great laugh and contagious smile/sense of humor. I have fond memories of time spent at the farm with the Hughes family when I was a little girl. I am so sad to see he has passed, yet I smile at the thought of my parents greeting him in Heaven. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.

stephanie (strayer) schlitter - August 18, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harlan Hughes.



August 18, 2022 at 08:55 PM