



## Lester Howard

October 6, 1928 - September 5, 2013

Lester L. Howard (1928-2013)

CEDAR FALLS- Lester L. Howard, 84, of Apache Junction, AZ, formerly of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, September 5, 2013 at Desert Ranch Assisted Living in Mesa, AZ.

He was born October 6, 1928 in Finchford, Iowa, son of Nathaniel and Ethel (Evenson) Howard. He married Avis Rose Nadine Spooner on October 21, 1949, in Cedar Falls. She died May 23, 2000. He married Delores B. Gilbertson on October 14, 2000, in Marcell, Minnesota.

He was employed as a machinist with Viking Pump and later as a Tool and Die maker with John Deere, retiring at the age of 63.

Survived by: his wife, Dee of Apache Junction, AZ; two sons, John of Cedar Rapids and Vincent (Lisa) of Rolling Stone, MN; three daughters, Debra (Michael) Wilkinson of Waterloo, Denise (Randy) Bremner of Decorah, and Donna (Dave) Canell of Cedar Falls; three step daughters, Vicky (Harold) Bahner of Minneapolis, Linda (Greg) Stetler of Washington State and Sherry (Jim) Allmon of California; 12 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren; and 9 step great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Melvin and James Howard; two sisters, Eileen Simpson and Ethelyn "Tootie" Webrand; one step son, Michael Gilbertson; and a step daughter-in-law, Glenda Gilbertson.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Bible Church with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service and for one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

Lester believed in strong work ethics and high standards for a job well done. He was always willing to help others; loved wood working, hunting and fishing; and earned his private pilot's license.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I have such wonderful memories of both Aunt Avis and Uncle Bus at your big house in CF. Uncle Bus always gave the best hugs - hold tight to your memories and know that you will all be together again.  
Psalm 46:10*

*Blessings,  
Shelli & family*

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“ *I will always remember Mr.Howard for welcoming me into his home and making me feel like I was a part of his own family. His laugh was a comfort and a reminder to not take life so seriously and miss the daily joys life has to offer.*

*Love to all the family.*

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