



Maynard Prashak

March 18, 1921 - June 9, 2013

Maynard Cleon Prashak, 92, passed away at Windsor Nursing and Rehab Center, Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Sunday, June 9, 2013.

Maynard was born March 18, 1921 in Guernsey, Iowa to Joseph and Francis (Sheda) Prashak. Maynard was the youngest of eight siblings. He graduated from Guernsey High School in 1938, and then entered into the United States Army at Fort Jackson in Charleston, South Carolina.

Maynard married Darlene May Stecher in 1949 in Kellogg, Iowa at the Christian Church. They were soon blessed with a son and daughter. They began their life together farming on their family farm in Guernsey, Iowa. Maynard and Darlene moved their family to Coralville, Iowa where Maynard worked at Animal Health for FS Service. Shortly after, he worked as the assistant manager at the Ramada Inn and then moved to the Hawkeye Lodge where he became manager. Maynard and Darlene discovered their love for the motel business and purchased the Vagabond Motel and moved to Cedar Falls in March 1969.

Maynard and Darlene enjoyed 65 years of marriage. With their love of the warm weather, they purchased a second home in Mesa, Arizona where they wintered for 25 years. Together, they were avid sports fans and rarely missed a University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa basketball and football

game or their children's and grandchildren's activities.

Maynard and Darlene shared a love of ballroom dancing, playing cards with good friends and enjoyed eating out at restaurants. Maynard always made time to tell a good joke to his friends and family and loved spending time with their great-grandchildren.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Darlene; two children, Marshall (Terry) Prashak of Muscatine, IA, and Pamela (Dennis) Huling of Forest City, IA; four grandchildren, Audra (Jeff) McGeary of Wellington, FL, Barbara (John) Haney of Blooming Prairie, MN, Mitch (Jenny) Prashak of Ankeny, IA, and Randy (Brandy) Huling of Sheffield, IA; six great-grandchildren, Eleana Horta and Colin McGeary, Keanna, Keira, Keifer and Kemlin Huling.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Joseph (Hilda) Prashak, and six sisters, Mayme (Henry) Cordes, Francis (Roy) Provin, Anna (Carl) Koehn, Stella (Cecil) Lyman, Blanche (Ben) McManigal, and Elsie (Harold) Wiedow.

Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Service, 615 Main Street in Cedar Falls. Services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, with interment in the Guernsey Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ We realize it's been a few years since Maynard passed but my wife and I were thinking back to our early years of marriage. I worked for Maynard at the Vagabond shortly after he purchased it while going to UNI. He was such a kind and caring man. He certainly left a wonderful legacy.

Mark and Pat McCright - December 14, 2024 at 01:28 PM

CM

“ Thinking of and praying for your family during this difficult time and in the days and weeks ahead. Maynard was a special person who brought a lot of happiness to others through his smiles and laughter. We feel blessed to be their neighbors.

Candy Miller - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

BL

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers. Heaven has one of the sweetest "one of a kind" angels ever!
Bill & Rhonda Lechner

Bill & Rhonda Lechner - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

CS

“ I remember when we boated and took parents to Brown Island for a day. I don't think the parents thought of it as much fun!! Maynard did always have a joke to tell. He was a great man!! Sorry for you loss Darlene and family.

Carla Streger - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss, Darlene, Marshall and Terry, Mitch and Jenny. I remember Maynard as always having the biggest smile on his face - really enjoying the time spent with his family and friends. What great memories you all must have of him!

Bill & Peg Heither - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

BH

“ My grandpa was my best friend we had a speical bond. Grandpa enjoy coming to my musicals in school and my marching band. We also enjoy going to Cedar falls for visits with grandpa and grandma. His favorite saying to me would be when we woke up in the morning at there house he would say how did you sleep and we would say with our eyes shut. I love you grandpa and you will always be in my heart

Barbara Haney - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

JF

“ Pam and Family.....I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I Know he was an important part of your family and your life. It's a big loss, remember the good times and all the happy memories....memories make the days go by so much faster. You're all in my prayers.
JoAnn

JoAnn Fiske - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

RJ

“ Darlene and family our deepest sympathy in the passing of Maynard. We enjoyed sitting and talking to you both at Ed and Jean's birthday party. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. May God keep you close in this time of need.

Robert and Christie Jungweber - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM



“ *Love You!* ”

Paul (Joan) Wiedow - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM