



Otis A. Budlong

June 18, 1918 - October 1, 2016

CEDAR FALLS-Otis A. "Otie" Budlong, Jr., 98, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Western Home Communities-Windhaven.

He was born June 18, 1918, in Toledo, Iowa, the son of Otis A and Marjorie Mary Wilson Budlong Sr. He married Edna J. Iseminger April 2, 1941, in Waterloo. She died September 30, 2007.

Otis graduated from Janesville High School in 1936 and attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI) for one semester. He farmed and raised livestock for 65 years, retiring in 2002. He was a 73 year member Equity Lodge # 131 A.F. & A.M in Janesville, Equity Chapter #6 O.E.S. serving as Worthy Patron twice, White Shrine, and the Cedar Falls Rotary since 1965.

Survived by: two sons, Jim of Dike and Irv of Newport Beach, California; daughter, Kathy (George) Hoellen of Lincoln, NE; ten grandchildren, Steve (Trisha), Jeff, Blair (Anne), Ryan (Erin), Austin (Holly), Rev. Scott (Laurie) Budlong, Jay (Jill) and David (Paige) Hoellen, Barb (Josh) Hannon, and Stephanie (David) Knudsen; twelve great grandchildren, Drew, Ashleigh, Cash, Brooke, Hank, McKenna, Tamsyn, Luther, Campbell, Cooper, Kate, and Kyle; sister, Marjorie Burley of Lake City, IA; and special friend and caregiver, Sandi Renner of Waverly.

Preceded in death by: son, Delbert; one sister, Mary McArthur; daughter-in-law, Sue Budlong; four sister-in-laws, Marion Branson, Alice Petersen, Neva Johansen, and Ruth Iseminger; and two brother-in-laws, Ted and John Iseminger.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 6, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, with interment in the Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, where there will by a 7 p.m. public Masonic Service. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com Memorial contributions may be directed to the Children's Tumor Foundation (in honor of his great grandson, Drew Budlong), Cedar Valley Hospice or Western Home Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Public Masonic Service

OCT 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

OCT **6**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your T.O. Haas Tire Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Otis A. Budlong.*



Your T.O. Haas Tire Family - October 05, 2016 at 10:59 AM

GA

“ *Condolences from the Gerald Assink family: Jeff, Janna McLaulin and Jon
Many good times playing cards with Otie and Edna!!*

Gerald Assink - October 04, 2016 at 07:44 PM

KH

Thank you for your kind words. The folks love of playing cards is fondling remembered by our family.

kathy hoellen - October 13, 2016 at 08:38 AM

TK

“ *Sorry to here about Otie's passing. Great man who I attribute much of my success to from his teachings when I was just a farm boy for Budlong Farms in the 1960's.*

My condolences to Irv, Jim, Kathy and the rest of the family.

Terry Kelley

Terry Kelley - October 04, 2016 at 06:46 PM

KH

Thank you Terry for your kind words.

kathy hoellen - October 13, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Otis A. Budlong.*



October 04, 2016 at 10:58 AM

KM

“ My "American Dad" has gone to be with his wife. He will remain forever in my heart. Though distance prevented us from seeing each other after I graduated from UNI, the telephone kept us connected all these years, and distance really does make the heart grow fonder. He taught me how to herd cattle, drive farm vehicles, and so many more things during my four years at university. He and his wife were like a father and mother to me.

I remember one year when I returned to university after coming home to Canada for Christmas, they picked me up at the airport as usual, however this time they had quite a story to tell. It was my last year of university, and I actually drove myself there in my little Honda civic. When I left for Canada for the holidays, they kindly took my civic to their home for safe keeping. Well it turns out that my "American Dad" turned my little civic into an off road farm vehicle! He raved to me about how well it did off road and how much he loved it, and actually did not want to give it back!

His picture remains on my mantel, just as my love for him remains in my heart.

I love you, my "American Dad", and will miss you.

God bless,

Kelly McCormick

Kelly McCormick - October 03, 2016 at 04:20 PM