



Russell Harberts

May 18, 1923 - February 3, 2012

Russell J. Harberts (1923-2012)

HUDSON- Russell John Harberts, 88, of Hudson died Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Affinity House in Waterloo.

He was born May 18, 1923 in Grundy Center, son of Fred D. and Lena (Casjens) Harberts. He married Merelyn L. Carter on August 28, 1945 at Colfax Center Presbyterian Church in Holland, Iowa.

He graduated from Gundy Center High School in 1941 and served in the US Navy at the end of WWII. Following the war, he worked a short time at John Deere and then owned and operated Smith and Harberts Waste Paper Co.; drove a route collecting can milk from farms near Webster City, Sheffield, Ackley and Hampton; was employed with Rath Feeds for 17 years; and drove for UPS in Waverly for 9 years. He then drove school bus for Hudson Community School for 9 years. He was a member of Trinity Bible Church in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: his wife of Hudson; two sons, Bruce of Cedar Falls and Mark (Rose) of Elgin; two daughters, LeeAnn (Don) Gutknecht of Grimes and Jean Polk of Bakersfield, CA; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Rev Dick Harberts of Cedar Falls and

Alfred (Wanda) Harberts of Grundy Center; a sister, Carolyn Harberts of Grundy Center and sister-in-law, Janet Harberts of Grundy Center.

Preceded in death by: a daughter, Rosemary; two brothers, Charles and Floyd; and four sisters, Delia Rust, Cora Slifer, Ruth Ascher and Isabelle Eiklinborg.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Monday at Trinity Bible Church in Cedar Falls with burial in Colfax Center Presbyterian Cemetery. Visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Aunt Merelyn and Family, Gary and I were deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Russ' passing. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you during this most difficult time. Love, Patt & Gary

Patt Carter Morr - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Russ was such a gentle man I still remember him sitting in the waiting room at work, waiting for you to get off work. He will be missed. Love, Ruth Ann

Ruth Ann Jennings - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JD

“ My sympathy is with your family at this time. I am thinking of you, and praying that the memories you have made as a family will bring you even closer at this difficult time.
Jane Dietrich

Jane Dietrich - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MM

“ Just saw the obit in the Waterloo courier We lived in Hudson on Pleasant Drive I worked at the Hiway cafe for Dick Fairbanks also for loonan I believe was the name .I especially remembered Bruce. also remembered Russ's Brother Dick from Janesville when we moved from Hudson to Janesville We always thought a lot of Russ a great guy . My husband's name was Eugene[Gene]now I am re married Gene passed away in 1988 In case you remember me I want you to know you are in my prayers May our heavenly father bless you and hold you close at this time of healing.Love Marge

Marjorie Wilson Marchal - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RV

“ I knew Russ when he hauled milk into the Hudson Coop Dairy. Always a gentleman. Sorry to hear of his passing. Bob Voigt

Robert Voigt - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

DM

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Harberts family. As lifelong residents of Hudson, we are truly one big family and Russ will be missed. He always had time to talk and had the most energy through the years. Sorry we missed the service, but are in Mexico and saw it online. Again, our sorrow is with you.
Dave and Deb Murray

Dave and Deb Murray - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

JE

“ Russell always had a smile and warm comments when we spoke together. Russell peaked my interest and encouraged me to drive the Yellow School Bus, which I have driven for 30 years now. I will forever remember Russell's talent for the sound of the railroad train whistle: "Woo Whooo"!

Merelyn, LeeAnn, Jean, Bruce, Mark and families, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Hugs to all.

Phil 4:13 JoLeen Eiklenborg

JoLeen Eiklenborg - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM