



Harold Geisinger

December 24, 1925 - November 20, 2020

Harold Vernon Geisinger, age 94, a lifelong resident of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Friday, November 20, 2020 at Methodist Manor in Storm Lake.

Public graveside services will be held on Friday, November 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Storm Lake Cemetery. Masks will be required for guests in attendance. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the United Methodist Church 211 E 3rd St, Storm Lake, IA 50588; Methodist Manor 1206 W 4th St, Storm Lake, IA 50588; Alta VFW Post 6172 505 Johnson St, Alta, IA 51002; or a charity of the donor's choice. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Harold was born in Storm Lake on December 24, 1925 to Lawrence Jay (L.J.) Geisinger and Coralyn Smith Geisinger. He grew up on the family farm north of Storm Lake.

Thanks to a deferment from military service, Harold was able to graduate from Storm Lake High School in 1944. In July 1944 he reported to basic training in Little Rock, Arkansas. and served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946. On his nineteenth birthday, Christmas eve 1944, he left Storm Lake on a train going east. He arrived in Europe in January 1945 as a replacement soldier after the battle of the Bulge. On Valentine's day 1945 he reported to sick call with a severe bout of pneumonia which sidelined him for a time, after his recovery he

spent time in Germany guarding outposts in Bavaria.

On April 18, 1948, Harold married Laura May (Qualls) Hutchinson. Three children were born to this union: Susan Kay Geisinger (Sue), Harold Vernon Geisinger II (Butch), and Donald Edward Geisinger (Donnie).

Harold farmed in partnership with his father, L.J. Geisinger and his brother, Arch Geisinger raising cattle, hogs and grain. When his son Butch took over the farm Harold assisted with the family farm by driving the combine or the grain carts until he was 92. He was proud when the farm was designated an Iowa Century Farm in 2016.

To take his mind off the stresses of crop yields and weather, he turned to his first love: flying an airplane. Harold flew as often as he could for any excuse, from visiting his daughter in college, to surveying crop damage, to attending state basketball tournaments.

He was a well-known Storm Lake citizen, serving several years on the Iowa State Extension and the Storm Lake Community School boards. He was a lifelong member of the Storm Lake United Methodist Church and a member of the Storm Lake Kiwanis Beavers. He was a fifty year member of the International Order of Odd Fellows and Eastern Star. He was a member of the Jewel Lodge in Storm Lake and then a member of the Pomegranate Lodge #408 for a combined total of 54 years.

He was probably most well-known for frequenting all the local restaurants with the members of his card club and his family. All the servers knew him by name. His stubborn refusal to allow anyone else to pick up even part of the check at these family outings caused a significant amount of consternation, but also cemented his reputation for being generous to a fault.

He frequently donated his time to drive veterans to Des Moines for medical treatment, and even flew a gentleman in his plane to Minnesota for cancer treatments.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Laura May (Qualls) Hutchinson Geisinger his parents, Lawrence Jay and Coralyn Smith Geisinger; his brother, Archibald Geisinger.

He is survived by his children, Susan (Sue) Geisinger of Storm Lake, Harold (Butch) Geisinger and his wife Sally, of Storm Lake, and Donald (Donnie) Geisinger and his wife Debbie of Olathe, Kansas; his grandchildren Amy Lawrenz and her husband Chris, Chad Geisinger and his wife Shannon, Darren Geisinger, and Diana Geisinger; and six great-grandchildren: Brenden Lawrenz, Laura Sutton, Emily Sutton, Leah Geisinger, Natalie Geisinger, and James Lawrenz.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 02, 2020 at 05:18 PM

AH

“ *Sorry to hear about Harold's death...too all the family, I pray for peace & comfort in your time of sadness!!*



Arlo Hogrefe - November 28, 2020 at 07:43 PM

DG

“ *To Donald, Susan, Butch and friends of Harold.*

Harold and I were one of nine first cousins at one time, now down to 3 cousins with his death. My wife and I will miss seeing Harold on visits to Storm Lake. He was a dear friend whom we always enjoyed visiting on visits. He kept our extended family together over several decades with his emails and organizing family reunions. He will be missed.

May the Lord shed mercy and grace on Harold.

David & Sandra Geisinger

david geisinger - November 27, 2020 at 05:50 PM

FM

“ I am sorry to learn of Harold's passing. He was a wonderful friend to so many and a generous to BVU. Harold also supported the University's students by attending their events frequently. I offer my sincere condolences to his family.

Fred Moore - November 27, 2020 at 07:07 AM

ML

“ Sue, Butch, and Don, I am sad to hear of your Dad's passing. I always enjoyed talking to him when attending church whenever I was in Storm Lake. He was always a help for so many and generous as well. He was an integral part of the "card club" we all grew up in.

Mike Langner - November 25, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 25, 2020 at 10:36 AM

BM

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Harold. Harold and my dad (Dave) were such great friends! He will definitely be missed. Our prayers go out to you!



Barb Murphy - November 24, 2020 at 01:06 PM

PG

“ LIT A CANDLE IN MEMORY OF HAROLD. LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - November 24, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PG

“ OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO YOU, SUE & TO YOUR BROTHERS & THE REST OF THE FAMILY. THINK HE HAD A PRETTY GOOD LIFE. NOW MAY HAROLD RIP.

PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - November 24, 2020 at 12:26 PM

KC

“ Harold was a bright light in the lives of many. He would come visit the BVU development staff and always parked right in front of the building--we joked that it was Harold's parking spot. He'd sit for a while with a cup of coffee and solve some of the world's problems. He was generous with many and charmed all our office staff. I will miss you, my friend.

Ken Converse

Ken Converse - November 24, 2020 at 10:54 AM

PA

“ Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger



Peg Anderson - November 24, 2020 at 09:36 AM

KM

“ *Kevin & Julie McKinney lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Kevin & Julie McKinney - November 24, 2020 at 09:24 AM

WT

“ *Wilbur & Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Wilbur & Karen Triplett - November 24, 2020 at 08:53 AM

SB

“ *Scott & Kristin Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Scott & Kristin Bodholdt - November 24, 2020 at 08:15 AM

SF

“ *Sympathy to the Geisinger family! Steve and Diane Frank*



steve Frank - November 24, 2020 at 07:48 AM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan And Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Dave, Deb, Logan and Jenna Merten - November 23, 2020 at 10:47 PM

LF

“ *Lonny And Renee Stull Family lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Lonny and Renee Stull family - November 23, 2020 at 09:11 PM

PM

“ *Dear family, Harold was so good to us when we were there in SL. Hugs & prayers for you all. Pastor Matt & Carol Miller*

pastor Matt Miller - November 23, 2020 at 06:55 PM

DM

“ *Sorry to hear Harolds passing! We enjoyed the coffees with him & his Family All Summer at HyVee! He cherished visiting! RUSS & DIANE MEYER*



Diane Meyer - November 23, 2020 at 05:53 PM

JC

“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - November 23, 2020 at 05:23 PM

RT

“ *Rae Thompson lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



rae thompson - November 23, 2020 at 04:29 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



connie roche - November 23, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *Steven Smith lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Steven Smith - November 23, 2020 at 03:43 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Harold Geisinger*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - November 23, 2020 at 02:33 PM