



Wayne Forbes

April 20, 1925 - January 22, 2015

Wayne Forbes, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, January 22, 2015 in Estero, Florida.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Friday, January 30, 2015 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Wayne J. Forbes was born April 20, 1925 in Pierson, Iowa, the son of Dewey Wainwright and Veda Mae (née Vannorsdel) Forbes.

Wayne proudly served his country as an Aerial Navigator in the Army Air Corps from August 1943 to December 1945.

He then attended Buena Vista College, where he majored in business. Wayne graduated with the Class of 1947.

On June 15, 1947, Wayne was united in marriage to Betty Wilson in Lanesboro, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with two daughters, Rebecca and Barbara.

Following graduation from Buena Vista, Wayne worked for J.C. Penney in Storm Lake for six years before opening Forbes Shoes in 1953, which he operated until his retirement in 1988.

Wayne served as a trustee on the Buena Vista College Board from 1962 – 1969. He was also a member, and president, of the BVU Alumni Association Board and in 1977, he was honored with the John Fisher Award, as well as, the Henry Olson Alumni Award.

Wayne and Betty were notable benefactors to Buena Vista Regional Medical Center for many years. Wayne served as a volunteer campaign advisor in 2000 on the hospital board

to help raise donations for the 2001-2003 building project.

Wayne was active in the Storm Lake community including the Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce/retail bureau, Community Chest, and the board of the Storm Lake Industrial Development Corporation. He served on the board of Commercial Trust and Savings Bank for 33 years. He was also active in the leadership of Lakeside Presbyterian Church, serving on the Sessions Committee, the ruling board of the church.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving daughters, Rebecca Sue (Richard) Potere of Sarasota, Florida; and Barbara Jo (William) Bell of Ft. Myers, Florida; sister, Donna (Paul) Steiner of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; brother, Darlo (Sue) Forbes of Kansas City, Missouri; and grandson, Tony Potere.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty Lou (née Wilson) in 2004.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Lighthouse Church in Bonita Springs and/or to Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeside Presbyterian Church --Storm Lake
110 E. Third Street
Storm Lake, AK 50588
<http://www.stormlakepresby.org/>

Interment

JAN 31 (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 30, 2015 at 03:32 PM

NM

Sorry to hear about Wayne passing away. We had a lot of good times together. He will be truly missed.

Nancy Meeks - February 21, 2015 at 09:29 PM

SQ

“ *We were very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing in Florida. We moved to Storm Lake in 1961. We became acquainted with the Forbes family very early and have fond memories. Wayne was very proud of his community and was a very positive influence. After my retirement I enjoyed our morning coffees together. May our thoughts and prayers give your family continued strength.*

Stan and Stephanie

stan quick - February 28, 2015 at 12:48 PM

PH

“ *I was sorry to hear of your father's passing in Florida. I had become reacquainted with him at Lake Pointe Villa when my parents moved in a couple years ago. He was a happy and upbeat man who enjoyed the people around him. I remembered him from the shoe store. I think he sold me all of my shoes until I moved away from Storm Lake. Thinking of you and your families, Pat Pepper Houar.*

Pat Houar - February 02, 2015 at 08:43 AM

KI

“ *Barb - You are in my thoughts & prayers at the loss of your dad - He was such a nice man!*

Kim Wogahn Wood - Class of 79

Kim - January 31, 2015 at 02:02 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Funeral Home - January 30, 2015 at 04:15 PM

VT

“ My thoughts are with your family. I remember Wayne as a fine and decent man. God Bless.

Vince Thomsen

Vincent Thomsen - January 28, 2015 at 09:40 PM

FM

“ Francis And Mrsha Mernin lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes



Francis and Mrsha Mernin - January 28, 2015 at 09:08 PM

FM

We bought many shoes from Wayne through the years we lived there---

Francis and Mrsha Mernin - January 28, 2015 at 09:09 PM

LN

Loved Wayne & Betty. They were awesome employers and to see the love they had for each other was so sweet! Thinking of you Barbara, Rebecca & families!

Lori Nehring - February 19, 2015 at 12:48 PM

CY

“ Chris & Mark Young lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes



Chris & Mark Young - January 28, 2015 at 04:52 PM

LG

“ *Lary & Patty Gunville lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Lary & Patty Gunville - January 28, 2015 at 08:51 AM

CR

“ *Barb, Becky and family. we are so sad to hear of your Dad's death. Your parents were
Such good friends of my parents., I have many fond memories of the four of them, much laughter and fun in Storm Lake, Okoboji and Florida. Denny benefitted from Wayne's
business advice during his time at Forbes Shoes. Wayne was the best example of
Staying active in the community through the years. He will be missed!
Denny and Cynthia Robinson*

Cynthia Robinson - January 28, 2015 at 06:26 AM

LP

“ *Larry and Marcia pepper*



Larry and Marcia Pepper - January 27, 2015 at 09:33 PM

MF

“ *Mark And Rita Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Mark and Rita Fitzgerald - January 27, 2015 at 07:16 PM

TC

“ *Tim&Pegi DeGarmo Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Tim&Pegi DeGarmo Cavanaugh - January 27, 2015 at 11:44 AM

DH

“ *Wayne was a true inspiration to me. He gathered his troops and raised about \$30,000 toward the Storm Lake lighthouse welcome sign project at a time when our committee needed it the most -- all without being asked to. He was a tireless worker for the good of the town in more ways than many people will ever know -- one of our most respected gentleman leaders. I feel very grateful to have known him. Our thought are with his family.*

Dick Hakes - January 26, 2015 at 07:43 PM

ES

“ *Elayne Simons Stover lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Elayne Simons Stover - January 26, 2015 at 10:49 AM

WA

“ *We and our family have many fond memories of Wayne. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.*
Wayne and Bernie Andrews

Wayne and Bernie Andrews - January 26, 2015 at 10:07 AM

DS

“ *Dave And Donna Stanton lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Dave and Donna Stanton - January 25, 2015 at 05:19 PM

JD

“ *John & Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



John & Connie Demers - January 24, 2015 at 07:19 AM

Jean Eimers

“ *Jean Eimers lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Jean Eimers - January 23, 2015 at 04:34 PM

TC

“ *Tim & Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Wayne Forbes*



Tim & Pegi Cavanaugh - January 23, 2015 at 09:50 AM