



Clarence Edward Baayen

October 16, 1922 - June 23, 2013

Clarence "Dutch" Edward Baayen, age 90 of Lovilia, died June 23, 2013, at Bright Kavanagh House in Des Moines.

Clarence was born October 16, 1922 to Arthur J. and Bessie (Gray) Baayen near West Cliff, CO. He married Marjorie Van Dorin June 24, 1945 in Des Moines. After 56 years of marriage, she preceded him in death May 11, 2002.

A graduate of Albia High School, class of 1941, Clarence joined the Army Air Force and fought in World War II. He later owned Baayen's Grocery on the south side of Des Moines. After selling the business, he began selling real estate for Randleman Real Estate, and later retired.

Clarence was a member of the Shrine for more than 50 years, and was a Mason even longer. He was also a member of South Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. He enjoyed fishing, traveling with his bowling team, and doing charitable work with the Shrine, including handing out Christmas baskets.

Clarence is survived by his children, Dennis Baayen of Arvada, CO, Kathryn Baayen of Des Moines, and Sheryl (Greg) Bedin of Lakewood, CO; three grandchildren, Sasha (Aaron) Maley of Littleton, CO, Tracy (Landon) Moody of Arvada, CO and Sarah (Michael Thomas) Quigley of Arvada, CO; and two great grandchildren, Hayden Moody and Brody Quigley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and a sister, Betty Rose.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m., Friday, June 28, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Military rites will be provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose.

No visitation is planned.

Memorials may be made to Shrine Children's Hospital.

Comments



“ My sister Becky and I have a lot of fond memories of Clarence and Marge. We lived in Berwick at the same time. Making home made ice cream, vacations to Minnesota and just enjoying small town life. We are sorry for your loss.

Martha Thurman Tallent - Denison, TX - Friend - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad, I miss you already. Hope you and Mom have found each other again. Thanks for all you taught me and for all the fun times we had together. Love Sheryl

Sheryl Bedin - Lakewood, CO - Daughter - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy for your loss. Dutch was a good man and enjoyed life. As a little girl, I remember one trip to DM and a visit to the Baayen grocery store. Although we did not see our cousins often, it was always fun to hear the stories and play cards together. There's a great reunion in progress in Heaven as the family members there welcome another soul home. Jean, Bill, Erin and Emily (Anderson) Weber

Jean (Anderson) Weber - Riverside, IA - cousin - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember our families spending a lot of time together when we were kids. I lost mom and dad both in the last couple of years. It's sad to hear of their friend's passing. With sincere sympathy

Mary Beth Justice Overton - Ankeny, IA - Friend - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Deep personal loss to a fine man.

I spent many hours with Dutch & Marge, in their home and selling real estate, he was a mentor.

His WW II record was exemplary, flying many missions in the B-17.

A tribute to this fine man, to call him "Dear Friend".

Jerry & Alice Meek.

Jerry L. Meek - West Des Moines, IA, IA - Friend/Fellow USAF Vet/Coworker - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandpa was a spitfire. He was full of laughs and sure knew how to tell a story. He loved to play a good game of cribbage, hearts or poker. I remember growing up either we would visit him and grandma in Des Moines or they would visit us in Colorado. It was always exciting either way. There are so many wonderful memories I wouldn't know where to begin. The last time I saw him was at my sister Sasha's wedding. He sure looked good, but he was always a handsome man. I think it was the only time I saw tears of joy in his bright blue eyes. I will always remember good thoughts of him and will have a special place in my heart for him right next to grandma.

I Love you Grandpa Dutch, & give Grandma Marj a big hug and kiss for me.

Urissa Bedin - Mesa, AZ - Granddaughter - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM