



Harold A. Hastings

September 6, 1933 - September 6, 2014

Harold A. Hastings, age 81 of Lovilia, passed away on his birthday, Saturday, September 6, 2014, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Harold was born September 6, 1933, in Buxton, to Robert and Deanie (Smith) Hastings. He was a graduate of Lovilia High School, Class of 1951. Harold served his country in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. He married Mary Jo McGinn on October 11, 1958, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia. To this union 4 children were born, Diane, Jean, Judy and Jim.

After Harold's service in the military, he worked for the U.S. Conservation Service. In 1959 he began work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, first as a surveyor and then as a park ranger at Red Rock Lake until retiring in 1992. After retiring, Harold worked for Grimes Asphalt where he helped with the construction and surveying of the bike trails at Red Rock. Harold was a very hard worker. He hand dug graves for 41 years in several cemeteries in the area and only retired from that work at the age of 76.

He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia for over 50 years, and was a past member of the Knights of Columbus. Harold enjoyed cooking, baking pies, being outdoors, gardening, and hunting for Indian artifacts. He also spent his time refinishing furniture, caning chairs, and delighted in spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Harold is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Jo Hastings of Lovilia; his children, Diane (Mike) Knowles of New Lenox, IL, Jean (Mark) Flattery of Albia, Judy (Rick) Tunning of Cumming, IA, Jim (Heather) Hastings of Bussey; 10 grandchildren, Ashlee Knowles, Michael (Katelyn) Knowles, Angie Knowles, Cody (Brittany) Flattery, Sydney Flattery, Meghan (Jake) Langel, Tyler Tunning, Ashley Tunning, Jensen Hastings and Jenna Hastings; a great-grandson, Carter Knowles; a brother, Delbert (Barb) Hastings; a sister-in-law, Gayle Hastings; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Deanie; mother and father-in-law, Frank and Mary McGinn; a brother, John Hastings; and his cousin and close friend, Ilene Pottoroff.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lovilia; with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial with military rites, provided by the American Legion of Lovilia, Albia and Melrose will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Harold's family present throughout the day and evening. A rosary will be led by Deacon Edwin Kamerick at 4:00 p.m., with a Christian Wake Service beginning at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Monroe County or to Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold A. Hastings*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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Wayne Van Zante - Clarkston, WA - Friend from the 1960's - September 11, 2014
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“ Dear Mary Jo and family. I have known Harold for many years, even in his child hood. As he became a man, visiting wit him was always interesting.
May God grant you all, the strength and courage to get through these sad moments. Harold fought the good fight, his reward is eternal happiness, where there is no pain or suffering, only happiness, beyond anything we can imagine.
May his soul rest in eternal peace.
You all will be in my prayers.
God Bless,

Carletta Casey - Atlantic, , IA - Friend - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Hastings family,
Our families have shared so many events together over the years...school, faith, weddings, graduations, camping at Red Rock, & class reunions.
We love you and will always keep you in our prayers.
Rita Gergely & Joann Gergely Bedner family

Steve & Joann Gergely Bedner - Ottumwa, IA - Friend - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mary Jo & family. I have many fond memories of working on all sorts of construction projects with Harold years ago. He will be sorely missed.

Charles Spaur - Aurora, CO - friend - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Sandy Graysandra - Albia, IA - friend - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Mary Jo and family ! I only hope I can give you and your family the support you gave me nearly two years ago, God bless you and your family . Harold was a great brother- in - law. Pauline.*

Pauline MCGinn Steinbach - Des Moines, IA - sister-in-law - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Mary Jo, You and your family have our deepest sympathy. God Bless you all.*

Loretta Griffin Walsinger-Bailey - 3316 Ave J Fort Madison, IA - cousin to Mary Jo - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Mary Jo, Larry and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We will
be thinking about you and your family.*

Larry & Phyllis Whitson

Larry & Phyllis Whitson - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Dear Mary Jo & family, my deepest sympathy, thoughts & prayers are with you. Harold was a very dear person and I know he will be missed. Joyce*

Joyce (Brozovich) Dehaas - Austin, TX - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ MARY JO AND FAMILY, YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS, HAROLD WILL BE GREATLY MISS , HE LEFT BEHIND A WONDERFUL FAMILY I WILL MISS OUR MORNING COFFEE AT THE KITCHEN TABLE EACH TIME I CAME TO VISIT YOU , HE LOVED TO WORK IN THE GARDEN GOD BLESS HAROLD

ED MCGINN - QUINCY, IL - BROTHER IN LAW - September 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM