



# Howard Edward Hartness

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**H**oward Edward Hartness of Centerville, Iowa died Sunday, December 15, 2013. He was born June 12, 1929 to Clifford and Dorothy Hartness in Oskaloosa, Iowa. After graduating from Oskaloosa High School, Howard continued his love of sports by coaching and playing basketball and softball. He persuaded Pepsi Cola to sponsor two teams: a basketball team that won 90 out of 100 games and a softball team that won all three tournaments they entered. Howard served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and was given an Honorable Discharge.

While living in Newton, Iowa, during the 1950's, Howard learned to play the upright string bass. Max Bennett, also from Oskaloosa, was playing bass professionally with Stan Kenton at the time and encouraged Howard to pursue bass lessons. Howard pursued his love of music playing bass in several dance band combos. He was the leader of his own Big Band from 1978-1988, playing the Country Club and Elks Club circuit throughout Iowa and Missouri.

In 1958 Howard moved to Centerville, Iowa working as a meat market manager for Thriftway-Safeway Grocery Store. He met his future wife Mary Ann, whom he married in 1959. Howard, an insurance agent, worked for Bankers Life/Principal Financial Group for 42 years until he retired. Honors for excellence in selling included the Million Dollar Round Table, Premier Club and Honor Council.

Howard was a member of the American Legion for 62 years. He was a member of the Federation of Musicians Union, Centerville-Appanoose Country Club, Elks Club and Fourth degree Knights of Columbus, as well as a long time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Centerville.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann, a daughter Rita, a sister Peggy and two brothers, Tom and Kenneth. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Betty.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM Monday, December 23, 2013 at St.

Mary's Catholic Church, Centerville with Fr. Bill Hubmann officiating. Visitation will



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be from 5-7 PM Sunday at the Lange Funeral Home & Crematory. A Rosary Service will be held at 7:00 PM Sunday evening at Lange Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery, Centerville. A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Catholic Church and may be left at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences may be left at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com)

### Visitation

December 22, 2013 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

### Mass of Christian Burial

December 23, 2013 11:00 AM

St.Mary's Catholic Church 838 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 437-1984



## Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 12:53 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:55 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Aunt Ann and Rita, We'll miss Uncle Howie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kerry and Maura  
Posted by Kerry Ortega - Raleigh, NC - Nephew of Ann and Howard December 21, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rita, We are sending our sympathy to you and your mother. Your parents were neighbors for many  
years with my folks, Bill and Marj Heusinkveld--Joyce Sherman Posted by Joyce Sherman - Lake  
Mills, IA - neighbor December 20, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences on Howard's passing. I played trombone in his big band from 1978 to 1985  
and always enjoyed the opportunity to make music and visit about life with Howie. Posted by Phil &  
Linda Wise - Joplin, MO - Friend December 19, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rita, my condolences to you and your family, I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Posted by  
Audie Calvert - Friend of Family December 18, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace.  
Posted by Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson December 16, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Rita & Mary Ann, I am so very sorry to hear of Howie's death. I remember the meticulous care he gave to his roses and lawn. My sympathy is with you in your loss. Judy  
Heusinkveld Olsen - Independence, IA - Friend of the family December 22, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Hartness Family, Howard was a wonderful man who my late husband & I appreciated for his kindness as an insurance agent. He always had time to sit & visit when meeting with us. My deepest condolences for your loss. Posted by Maria New - Loudon, TN December 22, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Ann, we just learned of Howie's passing and want to sent our prayers and thoughts. Howie and I had some good times together will we were both with at that time Bankers Life. We went to many Home Office schools as well as Club meetings. Know that we are thinking of you, Frank and Geri Kintzle Cedar Rapids Iowa Posted by Frank and Geri Kintzle - cedar rapids, IA - friend January 11, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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