



Darwin C. Mcelderry

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Darwin (Darb) Chester McElderry, age 88, of Exline, Iowa passed away Thursday February 12, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center, Centerville.

Darb was born December 1, 1920, the son of Wilford and Addie (McWilliams) McElderry in Exline, Iowa. He married Ozetta Mathes on January 21, 1946 in Centerville, Iowa.

Darb was raised in Exline and attended Exline School. In his early adult life, he enlisted in the Army and was a veteran of World War II. At the conclusion of his military career in 1945, Darb worked in logging, as well as truck driving in the Appanoose County area.

He later worked for Ideal Ready Mix Company in Centerville for 16 years. After his retirement, Darb was self employed for many years. In his free time Darb enjoyed spending time with his family. People could often see him driving around in his old, red truck.

Darb is survived by his wife, Ozetta of Exline, Iowa; son, Roger (Linda) McElderry of Exline, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Pam Mathes of Exline, Iowa, Betty Hendrix of Washburn, Missouri, Mike Mathes (Chey) of Washburn, Missouri, Robyn (Brian) Hamilton of Knoxville, Iowa, Michelle (Shayne) Kaster of Knoxville, Iowa, Brandon McElderry of Moulton, Iowa, and Kem (Ron) Dixon of Albia, Iowa; eighteen great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Marie Ellis of Kansas and Eleanor Moore of Centerville, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, Floyd Mathes, Larry McElderry and Dale McElderry; two sisters, Jean Shinn and Eveylon ""Bud"" Hall; a grandson, Chad McElderry; granddaughter, Lorainn Mathes; and a great-great granddaughter, Jayci Shrum.

Funeral services will be held 2 PM, Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at Lange Funeral Home with Pastor Gerald Campbell officiating. Burial will follow at the Exline Cemetery. A visitation will be held Monday at Lange Funeral Home with the family present from 6-8 PM.



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A memorial has been established to the family and may be left at or mailed to Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be left online at www.thomaslangefuneralhome.com.



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:36 PM



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Anonymous posted:

He was my favorite uncle. I loved to hear him tell stories, he was a gifted story teller and could always make you laugh. There are so many memories and fun times to write about and share. I think his and Ozetta's first air plane ride was to come out to Seattle Washington to visit me. I took them on a tour Boeing, one of the largest buildings in the world. But the best time of all was our trip to Kansas to visit his sister. We stopped at many interesting places, and Darb had the story behind them all. On the return trip home, we drove through Kansas City at night, his first time ever driving thru a big city at night time. All he could say was Jesssus Christ over and over. He was looking all round, there were lights and cars and trucks everywhere. I surfed through the traffic at 70 to 75 mph. We had a great time. Darb you will be sorely missed and always remembered. Posted by Rick McElderry - Bettendorf, IA - Cousin and Nephure January 25, 2013

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

This is a time of gathering all the best of a good life into the pages of memory, to be held in the heart forever. Beyond the world as we know it, there is a field of stars where we will all meet again and never say good-bye. Thinking of you at this time and wishing you peace in the days to come. Posted by Faye & Family February 15, 2009

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Anonymous posted:

I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF DARB AS A GOOD FRIEND. I RAN IDEAL READY MIX IN ALBIA FOR FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND DARB AND FLOYD WERE ALWAYS THE FIRST TO COME UP AND HELP OUT IF NEEDED. I WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER DARB AND ALSO FLOYD IN THE YEARS TO COME. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOUR FAMILIES.
Posted by MAX COX February 15, 2009

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will forever remember his smile and laugh. He will be forever remembered lovingly. Brenda Kurtz
Posted by Brenda Kurtz February 15, 2009

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I know there are really no words I can say at this difficult time. I have so many fond memories of my time with your family.....how strong our memories are. I know he is at peace and pray that you can find peace in your hearts now knowing he is always here with you. Our prayers are with all of your family now, to hold one another up in memory of his life. May God be with you and surround you with comfort and love. Posted by Cindy and John Brown February 15, 2009

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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