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Richard ""Storm"" Harrington, age 91 of Unionville, Iowa passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Golden Age Care Center in Centerville, Iowa.

He was born January 30, 1923 in Unionville, Iowa to Paul and Myrtle (Locker) Harrington. Richard graduated from Unionville High School with the class of 1940. Following high school, Richard enlisted in the United States Navy. He served his country faithfully in World War II on the U.S.S. Thompson Destroyer. Richard was honorably discharged on February 16, 1946.

Richard married Edith (Betty) Lucille Bainbridge in Lancaster, Missouri on November 10, 1947 and to this union of marriage four children were born, Elaine, Phillip, David and Brian.

He spent many years farming land in Appanoose County. Richard and Betty eventually purchased a farm west of Unionville, Iowa in 1958. Richard was also employed with the Appanoose County Road Department for nearly thirty years. He operated a maintainer with the county until his retirement in the mid 1980s.

Richard was active in numerous clubs and organizations throughout his lifetime, including the Unionville American Legion, the Southern Iowa Foxhunters Association, membership with the NRA, a member of the Unionville Methodist Church and a school board member with the Moravia School District in the late 1960s.

He was the definition of a true outdoorsman. Richard loved running his coonhounds and coyote dogs. He was especially fond of fox hunting. He also enjoyed the opportunity to go fishing. Richard was also known for being extremely athletic. His passion for sports included competing in both baseball and fast pitch softball leagues throughout his lifetime. It should be stated that Richard was an elite participant in these leagues. He was simply one of the best to ever compete in fast pitch ball.

Richard is survived by his four children, Elaine (G.E.) Luse of Moravia, Iowa, Phillip



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(Barbara) Harrington of Unionville, Iowa, David (Peggy) Harrington of Ottumwa, Iowa and Brian (Linda) Harrington of Bloomfield, Iowa; a sister, Gerry (Joe) Wilson of Centerville, Iowa; two sister-in-laws, Helen Harrington of Unionville, Iowa and Janice Alexander of Ottumwa, Iowa; ten grandchildren, Julie (Jeff) Major of Albia, Jodi (A.J.) Peterson of Madrid, Iowa, Stephanie (Jeff) Baylor of Moravia, Paul (Erin) Harrington of Blakesburg, Richard Harrington of Oskaloosa, Jenny Ward of Ottumwa, Jill (Charlie) Ryan of Newton, Jamie (Jr.) Swart of Cedar Falls, Spencer Harrington of Bloomfield and Ross Harrington of Fort Stewart, Georgia; and nineteen great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edith (Betty) Harrington; and two brothers, Neil Forrest Harrington and John Harrington.

Memorial services will be held at 3 PM, Friday, March 21, 2014 at Lange Funeral Home in Moravia, Iowa with Reverend Jim Matheney officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday at Lange Funeral Home from 1-3 PM. Inurnment with military rites will follow in the Unionville Cemetery in Unionville, Iowa. Memorials have been established to either the Unionville American Legion Post 407 or the Unionville Methodist Church and may be given to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

March 21, 2014 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 103 North Johns St. Moravia, IA (641) 724-3413

Memorial Service

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:31 PM



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



October 13 at 2:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

Storm always called me snow ball. I was born during a blizzard and he drove the snow plow in front of my parents to the hospital. Once my mother was secure in the hospital my father had to get the doctor who was also snowed in. We attended church with the family in my youth and it was great to see him over the years when I visited with my mother. He always remembered the snow ball story. My sympathy and prayers to the family. Danita Hoffman Wilford Posted by Danita Wilford - Lincoln, NE - friend March 28, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I am saddened to learn of Richard's passing, and I wish to express my deepest sympathies to Richard's family on their loss. My mother was Margaret Ann Harrington -- the daughter of Nicholas & Della Harrington, and I believe that my grandfather, Nicholas Leo Harrington, and Richard's father (Paul) were brothers -- this would have made Richard my mother's uncle, and my great-uncle. It has been many, many years since those summer days in the 1960's when as a little boy I used to stay at Grandpa & Grandma Harrington's house in Unionville, and would run around town playing with all the kids, and visiting the adults. It almost seems like a dream, or a different life, because it was so long ago. I remember Richard, and even remember that they lived on the corner of main street and the Blakesburg Road in a big ole 2-story house. I don't remember everyone's names, but I do remember one of Richard's daughters was a barrel racer (horses) and had a set-up for that behind their house. I remember Uncle John & Aunt Helen very vividly, and Aunt Myrtle too, but not as vividly. Anyway, I am sorry for your loss, and pray that the Lord comforts you now and always -- and I know that He wants to. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Posted by Mark Cochran - Benton, AR - Great-Nephew March 23, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry for the loss of your father. I am thinking of the family at this time. Sorry for your loss. Posted by Gary and Jill Allen - Centerville, IA - Friend of the Family March 21, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Lee Wyldes was my father. We lived across the street from your Mother and Dad in Unionville. That was when the two children were Elaine and Phillip. Your parents were great people and so were the children. We knew your grand-parents very well. We moved away in 1963, but I haven't forgotten your family. I want to offer my sympathy for your loss. May God give you comfort in knowing what a great family the Harringtons were. Unforgettable. Posted by Lorene Wyldes Evans - Muscatine, IA - neighbor March 21, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Sorry for loss. Phil& Barb .Can;t be tomorr I'll thinking of you y Posted by donna daugherty - fairfield,iowa March 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dave and Brian Sorry for the loss of your father..Letting you know I am praying for your family...May the Old Sailor RIP..... Posted by Dave Reeves - Bloomfield, IA - Friend March 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Posted by Marsha Mitchell - Centerville, IA - Friend of family March 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear of the passing of your dad . Prayers sent to the family. Posted by nellie thomas - Centerville, IA March 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

RIP Storm. You will be greatly miss. Posted by Debra Egbert Foster - Centerville, IA - friend March 20, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

I will miss you, storm! You are a great human being!!ybkgw Posted by john cleaver - centerville, IA - friend March 19, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Linda thinking about you and your family at this sad time prayers are going out to you all. Posted by Kathryn - Washington, IA - Co-worker to Linda March 19, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Wow, where do I start !! Storm was definitely a one of a kind' guy and that was part of what made him so endearing. He was larger than life. Everyone either knew him or knew of him. Stories about Storm will be told for many years !!! It makes me smile just to think about him and his mischievousness. I not only have my memories but also the many stories Dad told us about Storm when they were young. I feel so privileged to have known him !!!! My heartfelt feelings go out to the family, I know how hard it is to lose your father. Unfortunately a previous commitment will prevent me from attending the services. I will personally express my condolences when I see you in the future. Everybody take care of yourselves and be safe, Alan Harrington Posted by Alan Harrington - Albia, IA - cousin March 19, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

We will miss you, Richard!! You kept us on our toes, both at Maple Grove and Golden Age! Thank you to you and your family for the opportunity to get to know you. Posted by Courtney O'Connor - Centerville, IA - Maple Grove and Golden Age Staff March 19, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Richard was a very interesting and entertaining man, he lived at Maple Grove senior living center when Roberta's mom lived there and we always really enjoyed visiting with him, he will be greatly missed. Posted by Dale and Roberta Weeks - Seymour, IA - friend March 19, 2014

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