



# Ferrell Purvis

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**F**errell Leo Purvis, age 89 of Centerville, Iowa passed away August 3, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center in Centerville, Iowa.

He was born on December 22, 1921, in Moravia, Iowa, to LeRoy and Essie Hiatt Purvis. He was the second of seven children. Ferrell graduated from Moravia High School in 1939. He served as a sergeant in the United States Army during World War II from October of 1942 through October of 1944.

Ferrell's outfit and fifteen tanks were headed to San Pietro, Italy. On December 15, 1943 his tank was hit and he was severely injured. Ferrell survived three days and three nights under an olive tree before being found and taken to a field hospital. He tolerated substantial pain and inconvenience as a result of that leg injury throughout the rest of his life.

He was discharged from the Army and returned to Iowa where he married Ruby Roberta Wakefield on June 2, 1945 in Centerville, Iowa. To this union they had two daughters, Linda Sue and Patricia.

Ferrell was a farmer and electrician. His passions were hunting, fishing, and outdoor activities. He was a loving and devoted father and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Ferrell could always be counted on to lend a helping hand and he was always recognized by his memorable laugh.

He passed away after struggling with health issues for the last couple years.

Those left to honor Ferrell's memory are his two daughters, Linda Sue (Joe) Pasa and Patricia Purvis; two grandchildren, Callie Pasa and Cody (Nicole) Pasa; two great grandchildren, Cameron Light and Hayden Pasa; siblings: Floyd (Maxine) Purvis, Freeman (Mary) Purvis and Florene Brown; his very special friend Fairy Hartman; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ferrell was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Roberta; his grandson Luca Pasa; two brothers, Forrest and Francis; and his infant sister Frona June.



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Pallbearers will be LeRoy Brown, Gary Purvis, Carl Purvis, Lyle Purvis, Joe Pasa, and Cody Pasa. Honorary pallbearers will be Floyd Purvis, Freeman Purvis, Florene Brown, Dixie Phillips, Charlie Foster, and Fairy Hartman.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM, Monday, August 8, 2011 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville, Iowa. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia, Iowa. A visitation will be held Sunday at Lange Funeral Home from 12PM-8 Pm, with the family present from 6-8 PM. Memorials have been established to the family and may be left at Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St

### Visitation

August 07, 2011 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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

### Funeral Service

August 08, 2011 11:00 AM

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 2:04 PM



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



October 13 at 2:36 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sad to hear about Uncle Ferrell. My best childhood memories were from visiting the Centerville relatives, especially at your first farm. Even now when I look at his picture I smile and hear him laughing that laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Linda and Patricia, it's so hard to say good bye to such a one of a kind guy! Posted by Lisa Wallace - Hastings, MI - Niece August 09, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My grandfather V.C. (Ben) Kaster used to have a great time with Ferrell. They hunted and shot the bull and enjoyed each other. He was a nice guy and always enjoyed visiting with everyone. Posted by Jody McDanel - Centerville, IA August 09, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will miss your Dad so much. His great laugh and always those smiling twinkling eyes. We were such a fortunate family to have the Uncles and Aunts we did, and brought up with the values we sometimes didn't like but made us who we are today. I pray God will grant you comfort and strength during these next few days. Love and Prayers, Steve & Kathy Posted by Kathy & Stephen Foster - Harvest, AL - Niece August 08, 2011

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**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear of Ferrell's passing. When I was about 16, I let another guy drive my old 50 Chevy. He promptly drove it into a ditch. I wasn't far from home, but I walked all the way down to Ferrell's house for help, so my parents wouldn't find out. He got his tractor & pulled my car out. As far as I know, he never told my parents. He was a great guy & I know he'll be missed. Posted by Paul Tharp - Loveland, CO August 07, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Linda, Pat and families, So sorry to read of the passing of Ferrell. What a GREAT guy. Pat we used to have alot of fun at your house and whenever I met him anywhere after that we had lots of things to catch up on. It was so nice to move back in his neighborhood when we lived north of Centerville. I will never forget the kind words that came from your mom and dad. So glad to have know them. I know we have lost touch but want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Posted by Margueritte (Martin) Rardin - Bella Vista, AR - friend August 06, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I'll always remember how Farrell and Roberta tolerated our craziness as Linda and I spent time at the Purvis house when we were in high school and when we lived together in Des Moines right after high school. After Roberta passed, every time that Farrell and I met that he would have a huge smile on his face and we'd catch up about the past. He was a good man. I'll miss seeing him! My thoughts and prayers are with Linda, Pat, Joe, Callie, and Cody. Posted by Cheryl Pasa - San Antonio, TX - Linda Pasa's Sister-In-Law August 05, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I am now the lone survivor of five couples who for 30 years spent every other Saturday evening at each others homes to play cards and visit. I shall never forget Ferrel's hearty laugh. Posted by Leola E Lain - Mystic, IA - long-time friend August 05, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I will always remember Ferrells laugh and how it bounced off the walls ! When Stacie and Jarid were about 4 & 6 we had left a family dinner and on the way home in the car they were both trying to laugh as loud as Ferrell , his laugh will be in our hearts forever ... Posted by DeAnne Purvis - Niece August 04, 2011

January 4 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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