



Wilbur Rex Rush

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Wilbur Rex Rush arrived on February 18, 1930 in Corydon, IA and departed this life May 19, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center Long Term Care. He was born to parents IG (Isaac George) and Dollie Marie (McCullough) Rush the youngest of 7 children.

Wilbur graduated from Corydon High School in 1948 and soon after enlisted into the Army. He served in Seattle, WA and Nuremburg, Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1954. After returning to Wayne Co. he attended AIB in Des Moines and graduated in 1956. He was hired as a teller at Centerville National Bank and thus began a 30 plus year career in banking. Wilbur was an Ag loan officer for several years and when he retired in 1992 he was SR Vice President. He continued working part time in a public relations position with his partner in crime L Jay Johnson. On May 24, 1959 he married Joyce Houser at the First Baptist Church in Centerville and to this union 2 children were born, James Curtis and Kae Lynne. In 1991 grandson Tyler was born and was a constant source of pride.

Since Wilbur was literally raised in Corydon's Walden Park with the golf course as his back yard golf has always been a passion. If not hunting, fishing or woodworking he was golfing. His great joy was golf and card games with buddies, Myron DeVore, David Taylor and Bill Franklin. He also enjoyed having lunch with the gang at the 18-80 club and going on casino adventures with son-in-law Steve Morgan. Another joy was going to grandson Tyler's musical performances especially the Municipal Band concerts on the square.

Wilbur was associated with many organizations over the years. He was a 50plus year member of the Jackson Masonic lodge, Appanoose Co. Country Club, VFW, Lion's Club and the First United Methodist Church. He was a past member of the Drake Ave. Library board and the Park Board as well as groups Elks Club, Isaac Walton League, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants forever and the Kaaba Shriners.



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Preceding him in death were his parents, beloved wife Joyce in 2008 and siblings Pauline (Chester) Anderson, Arline (Blair) Hawn, William (Janett) Rush, Marvin (Marveline) Rush, Elverda (Wayne) Phillips and brother in law Joseph Hellyer.

Surviving family are children James Rush of Bettendorf, IA and Kae (Steve) Morgan and grandson Tyler Morgan of Centerville. Sister Wilma Hellyer of Springfield, MO and brother in law Jerry (Glenna) Houser of Urbandale, IA as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11am Friday, May 23, 2014 at the First Methodist Church, Centerville with Pastor Dennis Gilbert officiating. Visitation will be held Friday from 10AM until service time at First Methodist Church. Burial with military rites will be in the Mt Ararat Cemetery. Memorials have been established to First United Methodist Church, the 18-80 Club or the Appanoose County Historical Society and may be given to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be left at www.langefh.com

Celebration of Life

May 23, 2014 11:00 AM

First Methodist Church North Main Centerville, IA



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:36 PM



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



October 13 at 2:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remember being on the Golf Course with him and Grandpa (Marvin) when they would visit. I am so sorry for our families loss. My condolences Posted by Michelle Rush - Claremore, OK - Great Niece June 08, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim, I am sorry to read of your loss. May The Lord provide you the strength and comfort you need in this difficult time.Dave Posted by Dave O'Connell - Davenport, IA - Friend May 23, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Ones, What great memories you have of your Dad and Mother. Doug remembers that George Holland (who was our neighbor on West Washington, played bridge with the guys also. Have not seen Wilbur recently, but always enjoyed a good conversation with him. All of our Love to you, the Prices Posted by The DougNancy Price Family, Scotts, Kris, and Steve. - Leon, IA - Friends of Family, Jim and Kaye May 23, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Jim, I was sad to hear about your Father's passing. You and your family have been through a lot lately. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Posted by Jim & Marcia Clary - Urbandale, IA - Friend May 21, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim, Kae, Steve, and Tyler, we'll be praying for you to find comfort as you face the days ahead. You'll always have wonderful memories to hold forever in your hearts. Posted by Lisa & George Eddy - CENTERVILLE, IA - friend May 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was so sad to hear about your Dad passing. Know in your heart I will be thinking of you. Hugs
Posted by Linda Johnson - Centerville, IA - Friend May 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jlm and Kae, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a good man, he served his country, and his family well. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Posted by Audie Calvert - Fremont, NE - Friend May 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so so sorry for your loss. Wilbur was a good man and I was fortunate to know him. He will be missed. Posted by Patricia Timmens - Cincinnati, IA May 20, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Kae~ Im so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He was quite a man. He will leave great memories behind. You have been through quite a bit lately. You are remarkably strong and some days I didn't even know the things that you were dealing with. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Your family has been so good to us and we would love to help in any way that we can. We love your family. You are wonderful people who bring happiness wherever you go. I pray God gives you the strength to get through this. Posted by Stephanie Anderson, Justin Willaby and family - Centerville, IA - friend May 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kae, I'm so sorry for your loss. You have been through so much..such a strong gal. I enjoyed working with your dad. He made me smile. I will be keeping you and your family in prayer. Peace be with you, my friend...may our Lord comfort and keep you..may His face shine upon you. Posted by Staci Larson - Centerville, IA - Friend May 20, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you, Kae, and wishing comfort to you and your family. Posted by Winona Lawson Whitaker - Centerville, IA May 19, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace. Posted by Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson May 19, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My dad, Stephen Jewett's, best friend. I'll always have fond memories of hunting with him growing up. Wilbur was always happy to see me with a smile on his face. I'm a better person for knowing him. Posted by Jon Jewett - IA - friend May 22, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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