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**H**oward Lewis Hays, age 85, passed away on August 1, 2013 at Serenity House in Oskaloosa, Iowa after an extended illness.

He was born on December 26, 1927 on the family farm in Leighton, Iowa to John Virgil Hays and Edna Bartlema Hays. He married Joan Burbank on July 16, 1950. They were later divorced but remained life-long friends.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters Lynda Fletcher (Jan) and Cyndi Beavers (Terry Gattan); sons David Hays and Michael Hays (Karen); six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren as well as many treasured nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews; stepson Craig Dodson (Cindy) and stepdaughter Tammy Baze.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother Matti Hays, his sister Florence Johnson and brother-in-law Ray Johnson; sister Beulah Williams and brother-in-law Lloyd Williams.

Howard served in the Army Air Corps from February 1946 until August 1947. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He served 31 years on the Iowa Highway Patrol and retired in 1983. He went on to become involved in many other projects including American Legion Baseball and was inducted into the Legion Hall of Fame in 1987.

He moved to Oregon in 1987 where he met Dorothy and they spent 23 very happy years together traveling to the coast, working on the farm and in the garden, and taking care of family pets.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Parkinson's Disease Association. Book Travel to Services To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Howard Lewis Hays Obituary please visit our Sympathy Store.



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:30 PM



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RC

**Robert Hays - Golden, Co - Cousin** posted:

We visited relatives in Iowa in 1957 and I helped unload cements blocks for the basement of their new house. We are sorry to hear of his death and extend our condolences wish the best for the family Bob and Etta Hays

August 6 at 7:00 PM



CF

**Chuck And Jacquie Mick - Oskaloosa, Ia - Friend** posted:

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family. He has been a long time friend from back in high school days. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

August 4 at 7:00 PM



JN

**Joyce Daly - Friend, Nurse** posted:

My condolences to all of you. I so enjoyed my time with Howard, what a sense of humor he had with everything that was going on in his life. My added bonus was to meet his family, amazing children. Take care of yourselves. Dorothy thank you for all the talks we shared. I will be thinking of you at this sad time. You will be in my thoughts as you return to Oregon.

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**Dave Fletcher - Dewitt, Ia - Jan's Brother** posted:

Sometime in the mid '70's, Howard pulled over a young man for speeding. This fresh out of high school lead footer was traveling to college at Northeast Missouri State. Upon reviewing the drivers license of Gary Whipple, it was noted that Gary was from DeWitt. Howard asked him if he knew of the Fletcher family. Gary said yes, that he had graduated with Ron Fletcher. Howard asked Gary to name as many of the Fletcher siblings as he could(as there were ten). Apparently he recalled enough to satisfy Howard, as he proceeded to forgo the speeding ticket and write Gary a warning. Some would say it's often times 'who you know'. I would chalk this one up to a random act of kindness. You have many thoughts and prayers, Lynda, Jan and Family, from your Family in DeWitt.

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## Media

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