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Marion Russel Main, age 91 of Moravia, passed away on January 31, 2026 at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia, Iowa.

Marion was born on October 31, 1934 in Appanoose County, Iowa to Lyman Ellingson and Mabel May (Plants) Main. He graduated from Centerville High School with the Class of 1952. On March 15, 1953 Marion married the love of his life, Bonnie Ruth Fenton, and to this union came six children: Michael, Patrick, Benny Joe, Sherry, Larry, and Sally. Together they celebrated 68 years of marriage, before her passing on July 15, 2021.

Throughout his career, Marion worked for Thor Power Tools in Aurora, Illinois for thirteen years before moving to work for John Deere in Ottumwa, Iowa as a Machinist and later moved into Tool & Die before retiring after 26 years of service. He was also a private airplane pilot and taught scuba diving lessons at times.

Flying airplanes were one of Marion's many hobbies, he also enjoyed building them and working on them. He liked working with iron and tinkering on any piece of machinery he could. Marion loved horses and dogs, even raising a few different breeds throughout life.

Marion is survived by his children, Patrick (Linda) Main, Sherry Alvord, Larry (Cheryl) Main, and Sally Cassat; grandchildren, Carol (Will) Russ, Brian (Jennifer) Main, Kevin (Melanie) Main, Mitch (Jeannie) Main, Nick (Heather) Main, Mandy Main, Jared Wells, Cody (Ashlee) Wells, Tyler (Sarah) Lawson, Austin (Emma Wuster) Cassat, and Haley Ann Cassat; twenty one great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; siblings, Monna (Benny) Tarbell, Bill Main, and Betty Marshall; along with numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; L. E. (Elec) Main & Mabel Main, wife, Bonnie; sons, Michael Ray Main and Benny Joe Main; sons-in-law, Michael Alvord and David Cassat; his parents; and siblings, Artis Main, Richard Main, June Main, Jimmy Main, Gene Main, Benny Main, Annie Reihsen, and Jerry Main.



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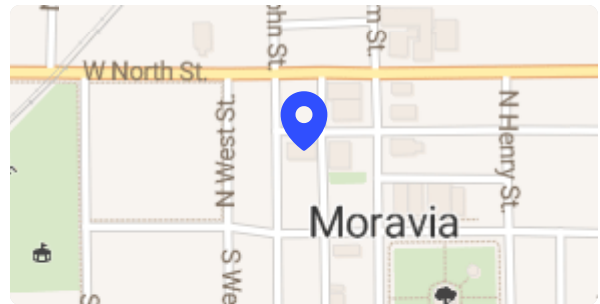
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Funeral services will be held on Thursday February 5, 2026 at Thomas Funeral Home in Moravia, starting at 11:00AM. Visitation will take place on Thursday February 5, 2026 at Thomas Funeral Home in Moravia, starting at 9:30AM until time of service. Burial will follow the service at Salem Cemetery west of Moravia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Moravia First Responders and can be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Main Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at <https://www.thomasfh.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome> .






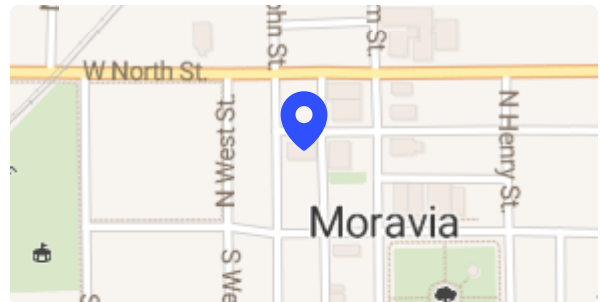
Visitation

-  **Thursday**, February 5, 2026
-  9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **Thomas Funeral Home-Moravia**
103 North John Street, Moravia IA 52571




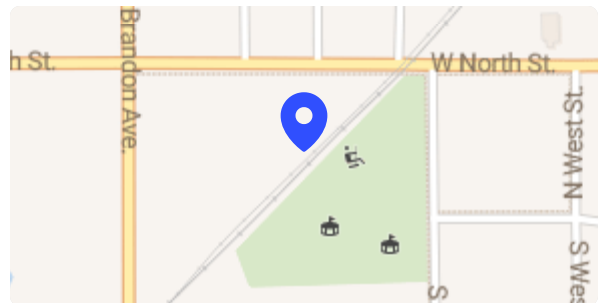
Funeral Ceremony

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-  11:00 AM CT
-  **Thomas Funeral Home-Moravia**
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Cemetery Details

-  **Salem Cemetery**
Moravia IA 52571





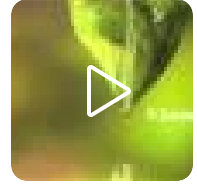
Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



February 5 at 11:12 AM



Iron Bridge posted:

We especially enjoyed the pictures of the Main Family. It is clear that many warm and happy memories were had. Also, it was so good to hear the story of Uncle Marion's life. We wish all the best to you as we journey on and hope one day to meet in the presence of Jesus together. Love Cousin Cindy (McVey) and Dave Charles

February 7 at 7:21 PM



Iron Bridge shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 7 at 6:27 PM



Iron Bridge posted:

Sorry for your family's loss. Found a few old pictures of Marion and Bonnie, and have posted one here. You all will be in our prayers. Love Dave and Cindy Charles

February 7 at 6:25 PM



Linda Moore posted:

So sorry to hear of Marian passing. He was always around Albia and was a kind friend to our family when I was growing up . One you can count on at any given time . Linda Davis-Moore

February 6 at 8:36 PM



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Mary Schroeder posted:

Uncle Marion often shared interesting stories. Many reflected his incredible sense of humor, along with his welding skills, as he played tricks on coworkers. Her was always entertaining! He will be missed. Sending love and hugs to his family.

February 2 at 8:52 PM



Mary Schroeder February 2 at 9:03 PM

Sorry for my typo!! That should be "HE"!



Laurel Varner posted:

One time yars ago at the Albia airport,a Man and his Wife landed to get fuel in a beautiful little Cessna 140. Of course Marion walked out to look it over.The guy had a attitude,and you could tell he didn't want anybody around his plane. He immediatly told Marion he could look but dont touch.Well the way he said it ticked Marion off. Marion looked him right in the eye aand said "Oh,I wasn't looking at your airplane,I was looking at your wife". I'll never forget the look on that guys face.He never said another word. LOL.He was a very talented man. I allways enjoyed talking airplanes with him.

February 2 at 7:35 PM



Lisa Wulff lit a candle in honor of Marion.

My deepest sympathies to the family Lisa Corbett Wulff

February 2 at 7:14 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Marion by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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