



Bernard Dean Casebolt

August 18, 1927 - April 12, 2017

Born in Melrose, Iowa

Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Bernard Casebolt, 89, of Waverly and formerly of Melrose, passed away Wednesday, April 12, at the Clarksville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born Aug. 18, 1927, to Raymond and Lula Willoughby Casebolt on the family farm near Melrose, where he was raised along with his 13 siblings. He attended country school and Moravia High School, where he played basketball and was part of the boxing club, graduating in 1946. He went on to Des Moines Technical Institute before beginning work in radio and television repair at Pyle TV in Russell.

A proud serviceman, he was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in 1951 and saw combat in the Korean War, earning commendations for his service. He was a lifelong member of the Melrose American Legion.

Upon his return from duty, he married his sweetheart, Patty Comer, on Dec. 31, 1955, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Melrose. The couple lived briefly in Russell and then spent the next 45 years in Melrose before moving to Waverly to be near their daughter, Cindy, and her family.

He enjoyed a 33-year career at Johnson Machine Works in Chariton, beginning in the shop while gaining knowledge of machining and welding before spending 30 years as a production supervisor on projects that included bridges, locks and dams and flood control infrastructure.

A tireless volunteer, he was one of the founders of the Melrose Volunteer Fire Department, served on the parish board of St. Patrick Catholic Church and was a Melrose city councilman for many years. He also served on the Melrose Betterment Committee and worked on countless projects for his hometown. His labor of love was an exhaustive 10-year restoration of Evans Cemetery, a neglected graveyard and Civil War memorial that he recalled from his childhood. He was presented the Civil War Historical Award for his efforts, which culminated with the cemetery's rededication on Memorial Day in 2000.

A kind and gentle man who spent much of his time helping others, he was honored for his giving spirit with induction into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame in 1992. He

also was named Iowan of the Day at the Iowa State Fair in 2000.

A self-taught carpenter, he had a passion for building grandfather clocks and made several among the countless woodworking projects he completed over the years for family and friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Cindy (Larry) Mason of Waverly; grandson Brian (Laura) Mason of Madison, Wis.; granddaughters Natalie (Andrew) St. John of Ankeny and Nicole Mason of Cedar Falls; great-granddaughter Emily Mason of Madison, Wis.; brother and sister in-law Mike and Patty Comer of Ottumwa; sister-in-law Delores Casebolt of Gladbrook; numerous beloved nieces and nephews; and family friend Shirley Franklin of Waverly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patty; his parents; eight brothers, Kenneth, Bill, Bruce, Orlan, Truman, Carl, Neal and Howard Casebolt; five sisters, Marvel Scott, Bernice Bettis, Elsie Foutch, Vivian Davis and Dorothy Droter; nephews Doug Casebolt, Eddie Casebolt, Noel Casebolt, Leo Heyland and Tom Tierney; nieces Helen Ann Comer, Delores Frye and Virginia Walker; and dear friend Dennis Ryan, who was like a son to him.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Burial will be in Harlington Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Post Honor Guard. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, April 17, with a prayer service beginning at 7 p.m. Visitation also will be held for one hour prior to the celebration of life services, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences for Bernard's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Martha B Swigart

Created: April 17, 2017

So sorry to hear about your dad, Cindy. I know he will be missed. Our condolences to you and Larry.

Joel and Marty Swigart



Kit Dinneen Crane

Created: April 16, 2017

Cindy, Your dad and mom both were so true to their roots. Your dad worked on whatever needed to be done for the Melrose church and community. He was a special friend to many, and must have been a wonderful father. My condolences to you.

Kit Dinneen Crane



Pat Dinneen

Created: April 16, 2017

Cindy your dad was the kindest man I ever meet. He did alot of good in his life. He has a spot in heaven. Sorry to hear of this. Pat Dinneen



[Rondalyn Busching Brase](#)

Created: April 15, 2017

Sorry for your loss! Bernard was my a great roommate to my neighbor Don while he was there. Cindy you were so good to your Dad, he and Don always knew to look for you after 4 pm. Hold on to your memories and find peace in knowing he is with your Mom now.

Photos



Services

Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215



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Monday, April 17, 2017
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Prayer Service at 7:00 P.M. on
Monday April 17th at Kaiser-

Service

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Tuesday, April 18, 2017
11:00 AM

Cemetery

Harlington Cemetery

1001 1st Street S.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677



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