



Delbert Brackney

October 23, 1926 - October 18, 2021

Delbert Brackney, 94, of Oskaloosa, passed away Monday evening, October 18, 2021, at Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Delbert Owen Brackney, son of Owen Harvey and Blanche (Carpenter) Brackney, was born October 24, 1926, in Oskaloosa. Following his 1944 graduation from Oskaloosa High School, he enlisted in the army on February 2, 1945. He served until November 15, 1946, and returned to Oskaloosa, joining his father at Brackney's Tin Shop. August 1, 1948, Delbert married the love-of-his-life, Marilyn "Marty" Perry, at the First Christian Church. Delbert eventually transitioned his father's tin business to Brackney Heating and A.C. He owned and operated the shop until his retirement in 1991. After retiring, Delbert became involved in local politics and served as a city councilman from 1992 through 2001.

Delbert was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church and a longtime member of the American Legion, where he was an active member of the Honor Guard. He played trumpet in the City Band for many years. Delbert was an avid sports fan of the Chicago Cubs, the Iowa Hawkeyes, and the Oskaloosa Indians. Attending the Drake Relays was always a family favorite and then became a yearly tradition with friends. For over 50 years, he served as an official at the Osky Relays, and he umpired Little League games for many years. He and Marty were the first recipients of the "Fan of the Year" award of sports by the Oskaloosa School System.

His family includes his children: Jeff Brackney of Oskaloosa, and Mary Beth (Merle) Lyons of Le Mars; seven grandchildren: Kim Hopkins, Matt (Shannen) Hopkins, Kelli Brackney, Stacey (Mike) Fritz, Becca (Victor) Freeman, Jeromy (Emmy) Lyons and Jennifer (Adam) Burns; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Marty, on September 5, 2008, and a daughter, Linda Hopkins, on Dec. 12, 2006.

Funeral Services for Delbert will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Molly Goodrich officiating. The burial will be in Forest Cemetery with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Friday evening. Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church.

Cemetery

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

Events

OCT 22 Visitation 11:00AM

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 North 3rd St., Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

OCT 22 Family and Friends 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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OCT 23 Funeral Service 10:30AM

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Comments



“ We have been long time friends of Marty and Brack enjoying golfing, Oskey sports events, parties, and just getting together. They were always fun to associate with and both are sorely missed.

chuck and Jacquie Mick

Charles Mick - October 22, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ David Moore lit a candle in memory of Delbert Brackney



David Moore - October 22, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ Beth and Jeff,
Can't think of your Dad without thinking of Oskey sports, what loyal fans he and your mom were. Dad and Bernice had so much fun with them on Friday nights at the games.
Prayers for you both and your families.

Tom Walling - October 21, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - October 21, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Delbert Brackney.



October 21, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ So sad to hear of Del's passing. Our families were neighbors for many years, and Linda and I were very close friends during high school. Del was always funny, and such a special man. My parents, Maury & Jennie Holmes, socialized with Marty & Del and a group of very fun people..... golf & dinner at the club, dinner parties at each others' homes, Friday night football games.... Such a fun group...so special & loving. My Mother, Jennie is still living, & sends her sincere condolences to Del's family, as do I and my Sister Annette & Brother Mike. We all are thinking of all our fond memories of Del. He was a fine man who loved Oskaloosa. I hope he didn't suffer at the end of his life. My thoughts are with Jeff, Beth, and their families as they face the next few days and weeks without Del. I wish them all peace.

Debbie Holmes Anderson

Debbie Holmes Anderson - October 21, 2021 at 01:29 AM



“ Jeff and Beth,
So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May god be with you and your family during this sad time in your life. I enjoyed visiting with him, when I saw him. May he rest in peace and may his memories be a blessing.

Bob Green - October 20, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ Jack and I send our deepest sympathies to Jeff and Beth and family.

Jack and Kim Scieszinski - October 20, 2021 at 10:10 PM



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Jeff and Beth-

So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a great guy. I have great memories of sitting beside him when we served on the Planning and Zoning Commission in Osby. May God give rest to his soul and may his memory be eternal.
Dave Warwick

Dave Warwick - October 20, 2021 at 09:17 PM



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Jeff and Beth-So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was a wonderful guy. I enjoyed sitting beside him when we served on the Planning and Zoning Commission in Osby. We had some great conversations. May God give rest to his soul be may his memory be eternal,
Dave Warwick

Dave Warwick - October 20, 2021 at 09:14 PM



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Oh my gosh, so many memories of growing up in the neighborhood with Del, Marty, Linda, Jeff, and Mary Beth. And of course knowing all of Del's other activities and services to the community. A favorite memory among many: 10 or 15 years ago I found him in the middle of North Market, stopping traffic to help some kids trying to catch their dog. So kind hearted. My deepest condolences to Jeff and Mary Beth, the grandkids and all his family and loved ones. A life well lived.

Carole Kelderman - October 20, 2021 at 07:40 PM



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Our sympathy to Del' family. He always took the time to say hi to us and we had many interesting conversations with him at the course, Elks and at my office.
Doug and Mary Ruffridge

Mary Ruffridge - October 20, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ Brack was good person and like a brother to me, I loved him. We (Larry and I) went to see him Monday but he was sleeping , I will miss him



Patty Sarver - October 20, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ I met Del at Football Boosters when Jeff was playing. He was 'gung ho' about football and a big supporter of the Osky Indians!! Beth ran track and he was just as much as her corner as he was in Jeff's.

Later in life, I had the opportunity to be his insurance agent and we talked about old times as well as politics! He liked to pay his premiums in the office and gave the staff a bad time, in a fun way, every time.

Jeff and Beth, he was a great guy and I will miss him.

Phil Griffin

Phil Griffin - October 20, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ Chuck Ferree lit a candle in memory of Delbert Brackney



Chuck Ferree - October 20, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ My heartfelt sadness reading here about Del. A wonderful gentleman and friend. Interestingly I was just thinking about him late last week. A memory of a high school baseball game where he stood in to Umpire home plate as one for the Umpire's couldn't make the game in time. I came to the plate and Del called the 3rd pitch a "strrrrike" even though it was low and waaaaay outside. I looked back at Del and he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Hey John, look, I'm doing the best I can here..." He will be missed - always ready to laugh at life and smirk at a joke. Never knew him to have a bad day. May God bless him in the serenity of Heaven where he joins his dear wife.

John Robert Hanna & the Hanna Family.

John Robert Hanna - October 19, 2021 at 04:36 PM