



Clarence McKee

July 26, 1933 - September 6, 2024

Clarence McKee, 91, of Oskaloosa, passed away Friday, September 6, 2024, at Mahaska Health in Oskaloosa.

Clarence Albert McKee, son of Albert Clarence and Betty (Smith) McKee, was born July 26, 1933, in his parent's rural Montezuma, Iowa home. His parents were farmers, and when he was young, they ventured to Washington State, where they purchased land. It was there that he started his education. His parents later returned to Iowa, and he attended school in Poweshiek and Mahaska County, where he attended Madison Township School. Clarence helped his family on the farms after completing his education. On May 26, 1953, he married Gail Luetta Silvers at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They made their home near Montezuma, where Clarence was soon drafted into the Army. During his two years in the Army, he was stationed in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Ft. Carson, Colorado. After his discharge, the couple returned to Iowa and settled in Oskaloosa, where Clarence went to work for Pepsi. He later worked for Mathew Lumber Company and then Clow Valve Company. Clarence retired from Clow in 1979, and in July of 1980, he opened McKee Coin Shop. He ran his coin shop in Oskaloosa for 44 years and operated coin shops in Ottumwa, Keokuk, and Knoxville. The shop was unique; it sold all things collectible and served as a gathering place for the Oskaloosa Coin Club. The Keokuk Coin Club recently honored Clarence for 50 consecutive years of Coin Show participation. He was a member of the

Iowa Numismatist Association and the Iowa Numismatist Association for over 50 years.

Clarence's family includes his sons, Owen McKee of Oskaloosa and Randy (Michelle Cooper) McKee of Oskaloosa; son-in-law, Robert Hamling of Ottumwa; ten grandchildren: Shelly (Chad) Spaur, Heather (Brian) Kirchner, Kevin McKee, Rachel McKee (Robert Stewart), Fonda (Jeff) Sanders, Melissa (Brandon) Rozendaal, Brandon Whitten (Kelsie Hoyt); several great-grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his wife of 55 years, Gail, Clarence was preceded in death by his daughter, Cindy Hamling; a granddaughter, Latricia Michell Whitten; a great-grandson, Cole William Spaur; two brothers, Lester and Allan McKee; and a sister, Maxine McKee.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Darren Melton of the Gateway Nazarene Church officiating. The burial will be in Henness Cemetery with Military Honors by the Iowa National Guard. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the National Rifle Association.

Cemetery Details

Hennessey Cemetery

1863 285th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

JM

“ My boyfriend and I have purchased some very special items from Clarence over the years. He'd always tell us that he sure appreciated us coming in. We miss him very much! Prayers to you & your family!

Jenny Moses - October 11, 2024 at 08:51 PM

TD

“ Sorry to hear about Clarence (Grandpa) as we know him from What Cheer Flea Market and his Coin Store in Oskaloosa he will be greatly missed by all who knew him he will always be with us in our Hears, Memories, Spirits, and thoughts your families are in our thoughts and prayers

Terri Lee Doehrmann - October 02, 2024 at 07:20 PM

LG

“ Lesley Goldman lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee



Lesley Goldman - September 11, 2024 at 11:22 PM

LG

Rest in peace Mr. McKee. You were such a nice man

Lesley Goldman - September 11, 2024 at 11:23 PM



Thank you, Lesley! I was the luckiest girl to have such an amazing grandpa for 48 1/2 years!

Rockie Graham - October 03, 2024 at 12:18 AM

JL

“ I worked for the McKee's and they always treated me like family, I am sad to hear of Clarence's passing we will be praying for his family. They taught me so much.

James Leonard - September 11, 2024 at 12:31 AM

OM

Dear Jim, I thought maybe you had dropped off a face in the world. I would love to have you stop in and see me at the shop in Ottumwa

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence McKee.



September 10, 2024 at 03:22 PM

DO

“ Danielle O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarence McKee.

Danielle O. - September 10, 2024 at 03:22 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clarence McKee.



September 10, 2024 at 03:19 PM

DS

“ Clarence was a true gentleman. I have known him for 60 years. He attended auctions at the farm bureau basement in Oskaloosa, and apparently stopped over his noon hour. I remember we sold coins at 12:00 each auction. He stayed overnight when they had the mini flea market in the pioneer hall at the State Fair. Of course, in recent years I would see him at the What Cheer Flea Market every time when we served him breakfast. I am so proud to call him a FRIEND! My sympathies to his entire family Dixie Shipley from Delta.

dixie Shipley - September 10, 2024 at 01:42 PM



Thank you for the memories!

Rockie Graham - October 03, 2024 at 12:20 AM

OM

Thank you Dixie. I remember those coin clubs at the farm bureau building. Owen McKee

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:21 AM

BT

“ Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee



Brenda Todd - September 09, 2024 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ Christopher's Rare Coins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Clarence McKee.



Christopher's Rare Coins - September 09, 2024 at 03:43 PM

CW

“ Owen, Randy, and family,
I got to know your dad when he worked at the lumber yard with my dad. My dad had some good stories to tell while working with him there. Your dad was a very special person. May God give you comfort during this difficult time and in the days ahead. One thing you know is that you will be seeing him again in time.
Connie (Wymore) Wright



Connie Wright - September 09, 2024 at 10:31 AM



Thank you Connie! I'm sure Leslie helped welcome him to heaven!

Rockie Graham - October 03, 2024 at 12:22 AM

OM

Thank you Connie. I remember when you worked at Matthew lumber yard not only did he drive the truck for them and all the lumber nobody also had all those kids helping him clean the place up after hours. You always told me you never get rich work 40 hours a week and I never remember my dad ever working only 40 hours a week.

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SB

“ Condolences to the McKee family. My Husband Michael L. Burke. (De ceased) took with him to Clarence's home to ask him questions about coins & he was so interesting to talk with & shared his vast knowledge with Mike.
He will be missed
Sharon K. Burke

Sharon K. Butke - September 08, 2024 at 04:31 PM

OM

Thank you Sharon. I remember Mike very well Dad talked about him quite a bit. I'm sad to hear that he's passed away also. My condolences to you as well.

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:25 AM

TP

“ He was great guy when me n April Lancaster was in school we go visit him he would give us snack he always with smile no matter what he be deeply miss rember when join gateway nazerene he would talk me fly high



Tonya n David poe - September 08, 2024 at 10:07 AM

OM

Thank you Tonya. April was my favorite uncle's daughter. Dad gave a lot but candy was especially.

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:28 AM

TP

“ Tonya N David Poe lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee



Tonya n David poe - September 08, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clarence McKee.



September 08, 2024 at 07:40 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Filipiak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clarence McKee.

Jennifer Filipiak - September 08, 2024 at 07:40 AM

LK

“ Was a long time family friend and Ottumwa Courier customer! Clarence will be greatly missed !



Linda King - September 07, 2024 at 10:10 PM

OM

Thank you Linda I was sure glad you got that at home career because I read it as much as he did. Owen McKee

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:30 AM

DF

“ *Debbie Fowler lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee*



Debbie fowler - September 07, 2024 at 06:30 PM

OM

Thank you Debbie. I have always appreciated your friendship.

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:31 AM

CR

“ *I always like stopping by and talking to Clarence. He was always so kind to me rest in peace Clarence*

Cathy Robertson - September 07, 2024 at 05:02 PM

OM

Thank you Cathy. Dad appreciated having people come in he loved to talk to them. It seemed like every one of them was a very special friend to him

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:33 AM

SS

“ *Stan Stanbro lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee*



stan stanbro - September 07, 2024 at 03:15 PM

KA

“ A new Clarence McKee for over 30 years or more I used to go to his shop and buy baseball cards and football cards and buy a book that talked about all the cards he was a pillar of our community here in Oskaloosa Iowa he will be missed in a lot of people will miss him alot lots of prayers and hugs to the family God bless you all

Kathy - September 07, 2024 at 02:40 PM

OM

Thank you Kathy. He loved having people come in and visit with him. He passed away the way he wanted to working up until the day before he died. Now he is in heaven with my mother and sister.

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:35 AM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee



Becky Netten - September 07, 2024 at 12:31 PM

JS

“ Jerry And Chris Slobe lit a candle in memory of Clarence McKee



Jerry and Chris Slobe - September 07, 2024 at 12:11 PM

LK

“ *My sympathy to the families. Clarence was a long time customer of Dean's Cigar Store that my husband (Ron Krusemark) owned with Larry Penland.*

Lou Krusemark - September 07, 2024 at 11:50 AM

OM

So was I Lou. Dean's made the finest hamburgers I ever ate and I have ate a lot of good places I have been reading dad's diary lately and about every third or fourth passage says he stopped in at Dean's

Owen Clarence McKee - December 27, 2024 at 10:39 AM