



Clayborn Carriker

June 26, 1924 - April 24, 2019

Clay Carriker, 94, of Cape Coral, Florida and formerly of Oskaloosa, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral.

Clayborn, son of Homer and Effie (Long) Carriker, was born on June 26, 1924, at his home in Rose Hill, Iowa. He was a 1942 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and entered the military with 16 of his classmates on October 13 of that same year.

Clay was in the Army-Air Force and flew 17 combat sorties over German-occupied Europe in a B-24 Liberator, bombing primarily in Germany. Upon his discharge, in October 1945, he was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

He married Helen Veerman in 1943. To this union three children, Larry, Dennis, and Vonnie were born. They later divorced, and in 1968, he married Jean (Foster) Mulford. After his military service, Clay put together a logging crew and cut trees in the forests of Washington State. A few years later, he returned to Oskaloosa and opened a filling station in New Sharon, where he sold fuel, service, and used cars. Shortly thereafter, he became the sales/service manager for the Oskaloosa Studebaker dealership owned by Lee and Earl Green. The Greens later purchased the Ford dealership from the Lamberson family. Clay became their sales manager, and eventually, Clay purchased Green's Ford and built his own new dealership on South 17th Street.

He was born to sell. He was one of those people who could sell ice cubes to Eskimos! He loved antique cars and collected Model A Fords, 50's era Thunderbirds, Studebakers, 40's era Ford coupes, and early Mustangs.

Music and square dancing were his other passions. Clay taught square dancing and called dances to thousands of people throughout the state of Iowa. He also organized and was one of the callers at a National Square Dance Festival that was held on the streets around the Oskaloosa city square. This event attracted nearly a thousand dancers from California to Florida!

Clay also had a great love for the game of golf and boating. Many weekends were spent enjoying them. As a teen, he worked at the Park View Golf Course - now called Edmundson. He taught many young golfers how to play and enjoy the game as he did. He won several local tournaments and was most proud of winning the Oskaloosa City

Tournament. Clay also served on the Elmhurst Country Club board for many years. He used his skills from logging and driving a bulldozer to build new golf tees, redo many of the greens, and made many other modifications to the course.

Many years ago, Clay and Jean purchased a home in Cape Coral, Florida. They were able to spend several months a year playing the game they both loved. His final years were spent living on hole number five on the Palmetto Pines Country Club.

Clay is survived by his wife Jean, of almost 51 years, his children Larry of Oskaloosa, Dennis (Sue) of Cape Coral Florida, Vonnie (Carl) Jones of Greenville, Ohio, Deb (Daryl) Fisher of Cape Coral Florida, Billie (Kelly) Cornish of Bondurant, Iowa, Ron (Julie) Mulford of Taylors Falls, Minnesota; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Clay was preceded in death by three brothers: Lester, Afton, and Howard; three sisters: Bernice Horachs, Wilma Gillespie, and Dorthea Schippers, a step-son, David Mulford and step-grandson, Danny Joe Cornish.

Memorial services for Clay will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, June 17, 2019, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Molly Goodrich officiating. Burial will be in University Park Cemetery. The family will greet visitors from 10 a.m. to service time on Monday morning. Langkamp Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers or as a memorial offering, donate on behalf of Grandpa Clay Carriker to the *Danny Joe Memorial Golf Tournament. Make checks payable to DJC Golf and send them to:

DJC Golf

Attention John Cornish

2040 Cromwell Circle

Davenport, IA 52807

*Danny Joe Memorial Golf Tournament sends 100% of the proceeds to help Children's Cancer Connection fund Camp Heart Connection.

Cemetery Details

University Park Cemetery

University Park, IA 52595

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
119 A Avenue EAst
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Burial

JUN 17 (CT)

University Park Cemetery
University Park, IA 52595

Tribute Wall



“ *Clayborn Carriker*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

GS

“ *clay was a very smart man was always interested in business and pushed for success of carriker ford always enjoyed his humor and stories will be missed may he rest in piece gene stine*

Gen Stine - July 08, 2019 at 08:18 AM

AF

“ *Sold my dad my 68 mustang. Bought our boat for the lake from my dad. Don lloyd*

Artie lloyd fowler - June 17, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ *70 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 13, 2019 at 03:41 PM

RM

“ *Rick and Lisa Mattson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Clayborn Carriker.*



Rick and Lisa Mattson - June 12, 2019 at 06:48 PM

GS

“ *clay was an extra profesional man in business .self made man and was very helpful in the business world and will be missed .very sorry to hear gene stine*



Gene stine - May 23, 2019 at 12:54 PM

VB

“ *My sympathy to the family. Clay and my Dad, Curt Howard, worked together many years.*

Vicki Howard- Barnett - May 20, 2019 at 10:57 AM

DC

“ *To the family of Mr, Carriker. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this difficult time and for the days ahead in adjusting life without your loved one. Vonnie you will have place in my thoughts. Our class of "71" losing many of our parents. Love and prayers Gary and Delores (Morgan) Cundiff of Kirkville Ia*

Delores (Morgan) Cundiff - May 18, 2019 at 09:32 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Clayborn Carriker*



Brenda Todd - May 17, 2019 at 07:07 PM