



Harry Charles Haupt

September 24, 1943 - April 24, 2018

Harry Charles Haupt, age 74, passed away April 24, 2018, at the Mahaska County Hospital in Oskaloosa, Iowa, after a short illness. He was born Sep. 24, 1943, in Nashville, TN, to Joseph Charles Haupt and Alice Francis Haupt and he is survived by his brother Dr. David E. Haupt and his wife Susan T. Haupt of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Harry was a brilliant student, excelling in the science and music. During the space race of the 1950's he developed an interest in amateur rocketry, setting an altitude record of 20,500 ft when he was 15 years old. In one rocket he launched a worm roughly 1000 ft and returned it to earth. The passenger survived the trip alive and well. Harry was on the front page of the Des Moines Sunday Register, Picture Magazine, Feb. 8, 1959, and earned the nickname of «Rocketship Harry» in High School, in Spencer, Iowa.

In music Harry excelled on the piano and the trombone at an early age. At age 18 he auditioned and was accepted into the United States Air Force Band, the one known as the President's Band in Washington DC, where he served honorably from 1961-1965. On one tour, though still a teenager, he played a trombone solo with the band.

While in the service, he attended American University in Washington, and later the University of Iowa.

As a civilian Harry served for several years as a mail carrier in Washington DC. Later he was a taxi driver in San Francisco, and would often brag that he knew every address in the city. Harry also spent a great deal of time in Europe, especially France, and one of his greatest interests was speaking and reading French.

He was the first person hired at the Oskaloosa Pizza Ranch in 2003, where he loved the work and was still employed at the time of his death.

Harry was a loving, caring person, who would do anything to help others.

A funeral service for Harry will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Alvern Boetsma of the Good News Chapel officiating. Burial will be in University Park Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., Friday, at the funeral chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-6 p.m. on Friday evening. Memorials can be made to Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter. Memories and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting langkampfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Open Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Family Visitation

APR 27. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

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Burial

APR 28 (CT)

University Park Cemetery
University Park, IA 52595

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Charles Haupt*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Sadly, I'm just learning of Harry's passing. He came into my business often to make copies, but he enjoyed visiting while he was here. He would often bring me some kind of treat he found, like Italian chocolates when we visited about a trip I was planning. His smile could light a room. He was a dear and gentle man and I will miss seeing him. My condolences to his family.*

Debbie Doty - May 15, 2018 at 01:32 PM

AR

“ *I met Harry during high school back in the early 1960s when he arrived at a rehearsal of the Montgomery County Maryland Youth Orchestra and promptly displaced me from the position of first trombone to the 2nd trombone chair. He was the most fantastically talented trombonist I had ever heard. He had come to the suburbs of Washington DC to live with his uncle and attend high school. We became close friends, and I introduced him to my trombone teacher, Armand Sarro of the National Symphony Orchestra, with whom Harry studied for the next several years. I was in college during Harry's service in the US Marine Band, and we got together frequently during school breaks. Last Autumn, Harry came to visit me for two weeks in California. He entertained my wife and me with stories about his exploits living in San Francisco, we shared our love of music and were delighted to explore the city and attend an SF Symphony concert together.*

You deserve to be sent off in style, Harry, and I'm sure you're going to ace your audition for Gabriel's brass ensemble just like you aced your audition for the youth orchestra. You'll always be in my heart and memory, Good Friend.



Adam Rochmes - April 26, 2018 at 09:57 PM

VC

“ Every year since I met Harry, he sent our first Christmas card of the season. He took the time to write out each card and envelope. We even received an Easter card from him this year. Harry was such a kind, considerate person. His parents were so blessed to have him take care of both of them in their home. Until we meet again, dear friend may you rest in the arms of JESUS!

Vickie Ches - April 26, 2018 at 09:38 PM

AC

“ Adam Rochmes, Berkeley, California purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Harry Charles Haupt.



Adam Rochmes, Berkeley, California - April 26, 2018 at 09:31 PM

ND

“ I met Harry years ago when I worked at Imagine the possibilities formally Diamond Shelter. He always remembered me and would stop me no matter where I was and tell me a joke and then we would converse for awhile. Such a polite and gentle soul. I always had a lot of respect for Harry. He will be greatly missed. Especially his smile!

Nancy DeVore - April 25, 2018 at 06:37 PM

JK

Didn't always know what to think about him but those jokes always made you think for a minute or two anyway, Didn't think when I stood next to him in line at McD's yesterday that he would be gone today, Never know do we, he will be missed.

James E Klampe - April 25, 2018 at 07:21 PM

BD

I knew Harry for years. He used to come in to the law office and he always had a smile and a joke for us. I have many fond memories of him (and his jokes). Recently he has been coming to the Senior Center a couple of times a week for lunch and those of us who come there will most certainly miss him.
Bettie Downey

Bettie Downey - April 26, 2018 at 11:02 AM