



Howard Sears

October 4, 1936 - February 12, 2022

Howard Sears, 85, of Ankeny, passed away Saturday, February 12, 2022, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, IA.

Howard Glen Sears, son of Glen R. and Mildred Jones Sears, was born October 4, 1936, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He attended Fairview Country School and was a 1955 graduate of Oskaloosa High School. He continued his education at Iowa State University in Ames for one year. On November 11, 1957, he was united in marriage to Nancy Lee in Fremont, Iowa. They had three children and later divorced. Howard was employed in feed sales before 27 years with RayDot, Inc. in Cokato, MN, retiring in April 2001.

On December 15, 1990, he married Janice Ruth Utterback in Des Moines, Iowa. They made their home in Leon for 16 years and moved to Ankeny in 2012. He was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Ankeny and became a deacon in 2018. He was also a member of five Rodeo Associations, Texas Long Horn Breeders Association of America, and the Jaycees. Howard enjoyed showing Texas Longhorn cattle, rodeo photography for 34 years, and fast-pitch softball for 21 years.

His family includes two daughters and their husbands: Carol & Kevin Clemen of Amana, IA and Donna & Gary Featherston of Doniphan, MO; one son and his wife, Ron & Tina Sears of Mansfield, TX; eight grandchildren: Jenn Dowell, Missy (Martin) Ballard, Travis (Emma) Clemen, Holly Bruce, Camille (Devin) Donnell, Brittany (Sam) Estes, Shawnda (Brent) Jones, and Stephanie (Jason) Park and 23 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by an uncle and

aunt, Bob and Violet Jones of Oskaloosa,

In addition to his parents and his wife, Jan Utterback, Howard was preceded in death by his grandparents, Tom and Hazel Jones, who were the ones who actually raised him; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Jim Flom, and an uncle and aunts, Tom and Barbara Jones, Myrtle Martin, and Elsie Jones.

Funeral Services for Howard will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 18, 2022, at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Ankeny, Iowa, with Pastor Evan Johnson officiating. The burial will be in Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa, IA.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m., Thursday, at Cornerstone Baptist Church; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory in Oskaloosa is handling Howard's final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Open Visitation

FEB 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Baptist Church
701 East 1st ST
Ankeny, IA 50021

Family and Friends

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Baptist Church
701 E 1st St
Ankeny, IA 50021
contact@ankenycbc.org
<https://ankenycbc.org/>

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Baptist Church
701 East 1st ST
Ankeny, IA 50021

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Sears*

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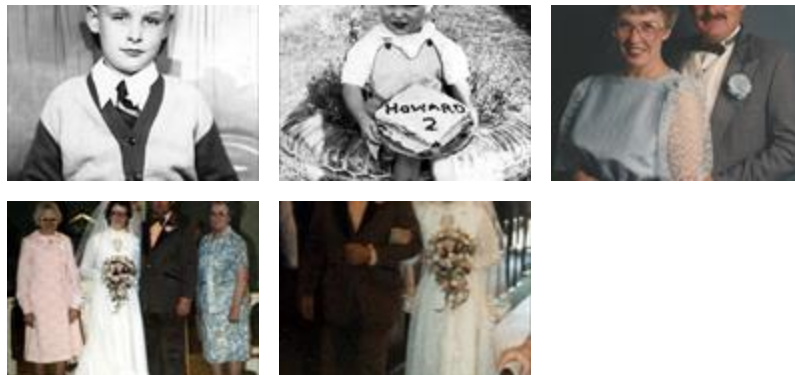
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“ *57 files added to the album Family & Rodeo Pictures*



Emma Clemen - February 16, 2022 at 12:26 PM

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“ Howard was the loving and smiling gentleman who opened his heart and the doors at Cornerstone Baptist Church the very first time that we visited the church several years ago. Every time we would visit USA and Ankeny, he would be there as an outstanding soldier and servant of the Lord. He is going to be dearly missed for a while until we meet him up there.

Great man of God

*Luis and Ayde Diaz
Colombia, South America*

Judith Vogel - February 15, 2022 at 08:19 PM

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“ Howard will be missed at church. He was always eager to get the weekly prayer list. He said a friend helped him cover all the prayer requests. Praying that the Lord will help comfort Howard's family and friends.

Judith Vogel - February 15, 2022 at 06:46 PM

MS

“ A lot of years ago I was running at a rodeo...Oskey maybe... and my horse fell on the 2nd barrel. Howard ran out to help me up and when we looked to see where my horse was, he was turning the 3rd without me and heading for home. Howard always kidded me about missing a good shot because of scooping me up out of the dirt.

*R.I.P. Howard
Marlene Scarlett*

Marlene Scarlett - February 15, 2022 at 02:39 PM

PR

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy to the Howard Sears families. God's Blessing.*

The Robinson Family

at:

Veach Saddlery/Trenton MO

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