



Larry 'Pete' McVay

August 12, 1931 - March 23, 2017

Larry "Pete" McVay, 85 of Oskaloosa and formerly of Hedrick passed away, Thursday, March 23, 2017, at the Keota Health Care Center in Keota. Larry Eugene McVay, the son of Earl Emerson and Leona Marie (Smithart) McVay, was born August 12, 1931, in Hedrick, Iowa. He graduated in 1948 from Hedrick High School and attended Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant the following two years. Pete played football at Iowa Wesleyan, and it was there he met Mary K. Black, the love-of-his-life. They were united in marriage in Des Moines, September 2, 1951. They first made their home in Trenton, Missouri where Pete worked as a telephone lineman. Pete and Mary lived in Ottumwa, Pella, and Trenton, Missouri before settling in Pete's hometown of Hedrick in 1962. There, Pete was offered the job of running the local oil station. A few years later, Pete took a job as an over-the-road semi driver. He drove many years for DRS Transport in Oskaloosa and CRST in Cedar Rapids. He retired from trucking in 1994. Pete was a member of the Hedrick United Methodist Church and later the Fremont United Methodist Church. As a young man, he enjoyed attending stock car races and all his children's and extended family's sporting events. Later in life, he became an avid Iowa Hawkeye basketball and football fan. Pete's family includes his wife of 65 years, Mary of Sigourney; their three children and their spouses: Gary and Sarah McVay of Troy, Montana, Connie and Andrew Hansen of Des Moines, and Rhonda and Mike Foubert of Delta; seven grandchildren: Alyssa (Monty Worden) McVay, Michael (Tawny) McVay, Elizabeth Morkeberg, Ashley South, Hillary (Tom)

Kinsinger, Chris Hansen and Jessica Foubert; and four great-grandchildren: Benjamin and Evangeline Kinsinger and Elly and Ayden Stiller. In addition to his parents, Pete was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Howard Brown.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry 'Pete' McVay*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. When I think of Pete McVay I smile. He was always so nice to me as a young child. I'm very sure he has a special set of angel wings.*

Miriam Johnson - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pete used to come into the fertilizer plant Agriliance and visit with us and he was such a great guy, he always made me laugh and feel good...we are so sorry for your loss, Im sure he will be missed..*

Mary peck - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary, Gary, Connie, Rhonda and the family, I have fond memories of "Mr. McVay" from the many visits to your home. He would always tease Connie and me as we were about to leave the house. I can still see his smile and hear his laughter. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Cheryl Reish Miller*

Cheryl Miller - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Garland - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM