



Royden Larry Howard

February 28, 1935 - May 4, 2007

Royden Larry Howard: Royden passed away Friday evening at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 6 days.

His family includes his sons & their wives and families: Jeff & Pam Howard of Oskaloosa and their children, Lacy Howard and Rena & Bob Shepherd and their children, Jacob and Tyler Shepherd; Randy & Jacque Howard of Oskaloosa and their children, Taylor, Alexa and Paige Howard; Tony Howard and his children, Alicia Thomas and Trenton Howard; and Chad & Christine Howard and their children, Kaylee and Zachary Howard; a brother & sister-in-law, Curtis & Dorothy Howard of Oskaloosa and two sisters & brothers-in-law, Lavoe & Roy Worrall of Gravois Mills, MO and Karen & Ed Smith of Slidell, LA.

Royden Larry Howard, son of Elvan Arthur "Russ" and Edith Loretta Bishop Howard, was born February 28, 1935, in Lacey, IA. He was a 1954 graduate of Lacey High School and shortly thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from Feb. 20, 1956 to Feb. 19, 1958. Upon his discharge and return to Oskaloosa he married Donna Kay Rankin, November 26, 1960; and to this union four sons were born. They later divorced. He worked for Mich Coal and Converse Excavating as a bulldozer operator. In 1967, he began working at

Van Gorp Used Auto Parts, a job which he held for 27 years, retiring in 1994. Following his retirement, he worked for American Coal for a brief time and then worked with Brackin Land Improvement, once again operating a bulldozer as their finishing operator, a job he held until the time of his death. Royden was a member of the Eagles, the Elks, the American Legion and the American Trotter Association. He enjoyed owning and training race horses, operating the bulldozer and storytelling with his friends ""over a cold one"".

Besides his parents, Royden was preceded in death by an infant sister, Vivian.

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“ *Royden Larry Howard*

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