



John "Hank" Davis

October 28, 1925 - September 25, 2020

John Harley 'Hank' Davis, Jr. passed away peacefully & with dignity on Friday, September 25th, 2020 at the Rock River Hospice & Home in Sterling, IL. His end of life came more abruptly than anticipated.

His body failed him, but his mind & quick wit were intact till the end.

Born into humble beginnings to John Harley & Marie Gertrude (Larson) Davis in rural Springville, IA on October 28th, 1925, Hank grew up living the depression era farm life, attending school in Springville & later in Martelle, IA, where he graduated in 1945. The following day he enlisted & served in the U.S. Third Army under George Patton in Germany following the Allied invasion of Normandy.

Honorably discharged in 1947, he returned to Linn County to set down roots as a farmer in rural Mt. Vernon, IA marrying Lois Darlene Strother in 1949.

A champion socializer, he enjoyed horseshoes, mushroom hunting, tractor pulls, snowmobiling, & a good game of Euchre. He found pleasure traveling to see family & friends afar, especially to Louisiana.

A bit of a nomad following his retirement from farming, his days were filled with wheeling & dealing in vehicles, various restaurant ventures & houses in Cedar Rapids, Anamosa, Olin, Preston, Sabula, Prophetstown, Il; spending the last 8 years in Morrison, IL. There wasn't a garage sale he didn't stop at.

Survivors include his dearest friend, partner & companion of 34 years, Sally Reese, his sister Wanda Lambert, Clear Lake, IA, his ex-wife & mother of his children, Lois, & their children Ann Davis, Louisville, KY, Jay (Chris) Davis, Mt. Vernon, & Kate Bair, Morrison. Grandchildren include Jason (Heather) Davis, Mt. Vernon, Elizabeth (Lance) Vedepo, Las Vegas, NV, Alex (Sarah) Davis, Martelle, Maggie Davis, Ames, IA & William Hank Bair (Allie Click), Southgate, KY, & nine great grandchildren. Also, many dear nieces, nephews,

cousins & friends, especially his devoted friend Rosendo Garza.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, sister Clara McShane, brothers Glenn Davis & Marion 'Bud' Davis, & granddaughter Jessica Renier.

Hank led an exceptionally long life in good health & was proud his son Jay & grandson Alex are carrying on his farming legacy.

Arrangements are being handled by the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory, www.snellzornig.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rock River Hospice & Home, <http://www.hospicerockriver.org/>.

The family will gather in remembrance at a later date.

Comments



“ I have been thinking of you lately Hank and as I was just reading the Anamosa paper, I learned of your passing. My prayers are with the family. Will always remember when you lived in Olin. You will have lots of stories to tell in heaven. Prayers to all. Brenda Farrington

Brenda - October 01, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ George & Carolyn Snyder lit a candle in memory of John "Hank" Davis



George & Carolyn Snyder - September 30, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ I use to own a business in Mt.Vernon. Hank would generally stop by daily. He could always make you smile. He was a wonderful man and full of life. It is the end of one of the great guys life whom you never forget. But OhBoy! has heaven gotten way more entertaining for everyone there, won't be a dull moment now!

Julie O'Connor

Julie O'Connor - September 30, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ My earliest memories of Uncle Hank were holidays in his basement while him & my dad played pool. They both talked me into trying this nasty looking stuff you put on a Ritz cracker called pickled herring. Hank said it tasted like candy. Oh what a surprise to me... however, my thoughts are of Hank everytime it goes in my shopping cart. That is one of many things that Hank has left an impression on me. I am so glad that my son Kolin made a point for us to go see him when he was back here from school in Boston. Just a little more of Hank's wisdom to cherish, cause there was always room for more.

Kelly Schmidt - September 29, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ I remember him loving pickle herring also. Was a delicious treat always at his house!!

Penny Sullivan - October 04, 2020 at 01:07 AM