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Celebrating the life of

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A Life Well Lived



Harold was born on his family's farm outside Ames, Iowa, the third of five children. He learned to drive a tractor before he could ride a bike, and he never lost his love of a freshly plowed field.

He married Ruth Anderson in June of 1953 after meeting her at a Grange hall dance. Together they farmed the home place for thirty-four years and raised three children there.

When he finally put the tractor away, Harold spent his mornings at the public library's used book sale, which he ran for twenty years. He said every book deserved a second reader.

His Family

Harold is survived by his children, Linda, Tom and Karen; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was welcomed home by Ruth, his wife of sixty-eight years.

What He Loved

Westerns, black coffee, the Iowa State Cyclones, a good joke told twice, and Sunday dinners with the whole family around the table.



Dad could never sit still when the band started. He and Mom danced at every wedding in the county.



Every summer he took the grandkids fishing, and every summer he let them catch the biggest one.

Order of Service

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn: In the Garden

Remembering Harold, by his grandson Michael

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Hymn: Amazing Grace

Closing Prayer

*Saturday, October 4, 2026 · 11:00 a.m. · First Methodist Church,
Ames, Iowa*

With Thanks

Our family thanks everyone who visited, called and brought a casserole these past months. Dad would want you to stay for lunch.



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