



Tracy Howe, 81

Dec. 5, 1927 - Jan. 16, 2009

AVOCA — Tracy Owen Howe was born on December 5, 1927, to Claude and Blanche (Brock) Howe in Defiance. He was baptized at Prairie Rose Lake through the Abundant Life Church in Harlan. He has attended the Methodist churches in Hancock and Atlantic, the Fellowship of Faith Church in Oakland, and the Abundant Life church in Harlan. He attended Crawford County Country School through the eighth grade, attended Defiance Public School, and graduated from Shelby High School with the Class of 1946. He served in the United States Army from 1950 to 1952. He was at Camp McCoy during the Korean War and drove the big wigs around during the Flood of 1952 in Council Bluffs because he was familiar with that area. He was able to meet with Colonel Bud Day, a war veteran, when he traveled to Sioux City, to attend the Sarah Palin/John McCain presidential campaign speeches.

Tracy was united in marriage to Marion Elsie Pugh on October 8, 1952 in Dubuque. Four daughters were born to this union: Barbara, Beverly, Terri, and Kristi. He drove a truck for the grain elevator, worked at the ASCS office, and farmed his entire life, receiving a Conservation Award. He raised registered Angus cattle and registered and organic seed. He did lots of hay baling and custom baling. His hobbies included fishing, bird watching, and bee keeping. He kept a coin collection and loved to read the newspaper and anything about history. He loved to be outside, animals and sports, especially baseball, football, and track; and attended every event his grandchildren were in. He was proud of his kids and grandkids. He was a member of the Hancock American Legion and served as Commander at one time. Tracy became a resident of the Oakland Manor nursing home in Oakland, and it was there that he died on Friday, January 16, 2009, having attained the age of eighty-one years, one month, and eleven days.

Tracy was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers: Donald and Leonard. He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Marion Howe of Council Bluffs, formerly of Hancock; his daughters: Barbara and her husband Ted Andersen of Kimballton, Beverly and her husband Lloyd Kosmacek of Persia, Terri and her husband Scott Stamy of Mexico, MO, and Kristi and her husband Michael Rasmussen of Council Bluffs; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Dorothy Sims of Hawthorne, NV, Lowell Howe of Harlan, and Ina Howe of Phoenix, AZ; other family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, with Pastor Jeff Erlmeier leading the 11:00 AM service at Abundant Life Church in Harlan.

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