

## Harold Walter Huebner, 89 ✓

Aug. 21, 1929- Aug. 29, 2018



**PORTSMOUTH** – Harold Walter Huebner was born on August 21, 1929 to John and Lena Huebner. He had eight brothers and sisters: Clementine, Bill, Robert (Bud), John (Shine), Pauline, Helen, Alma (Sis), and Marian.

He was inducted into the army on his birthday in 1951, served as a radio carrier, and received the Combat Infantry Badge after 11 months under fire. Harold spent time with his parents after returning from the Korean War. On one occasion, he chauffeured them to a polka dance in Defiance where he met a lovely Irish lassie named, Joan Murphy. Harold and Joan were married on May 24, 1954. Together they have four children: Marty, Julie, Pat, and Maryjo. Harold was proud of his family's educational and professional accomplishments.

Harold loved music. He was the choir director at St. Mary's Parish in Portsmouth for over 50 years. He often touted the fact that he only missed singing at three funerals in all those years. For our Irish friends and family, his favorite song was the Irish lullaby "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ra." Earlier in life, Harold was active in many Harlan Community Theatre productions, including *The Music Man* and *The Sound of Music*. "Willie's Roadhouse" radio station always played in his truck. He passed on his love of music to his family.

He was a lover of nature and the outdoors - gardening, and farming, raising Angus and Simmental cattle, enjoying his beloved dogs, riding his four-wheeler, moving snow with his 1953 John Deere tractor, chopping wood, mowing his huge lawn, canning tomatoes and dill pickles, growing sweetcorn, sitting on his front porch in his bib overalls, and a decades long tradition of annual Lake Okoboji vacations with generations of family and friends.

Harold also loved to cook - and eat! Fried chicken from Staley's and the Gold Slipper were his favorites. Along with a piece of homemade sour cream raisin pie - he thought Joan's was the best. He often had soup brewing on the stove. A special treat during the holidays was homemade oyster stew and sugar cookies. Joan made him get his own recipe box because he had so many recipes he had clipped from newspapers and magazines!

Thirty-six years of driving the school bus was at the top of the list of things he loved. Harold drove thousands of miles for education. He enjoyed all the kids and sharing their cute stories with others. Harold cherished all the good times he had at the bus barn with his bus driving buddies, having breakfast at HyVee, or a burger at Norma Jean's with the boys.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, after 38 years of marriage, his parents, and all eight of his brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his children, Marty (Cheryl) Huebner, Julie (Rick) Sacco, Pat (DeDe) Huebner and Maryjo Huebner. Grandchildren, Ryan Huebner, Sean (Allison) Huebner, Mark (Patty) Huebner, Hannah Sacco (Jeff Bolte), Betsy Sacco, Alison Huebner, Abigail Huebner, and Murphy Huebner. Great grandchildren, Chloe Huebner, Lily Huebner, Evan Huebner, Cullen Huebner, and Ivy Bolte.

An 11 AM Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. David Smith S.J. on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at St. Mary Our Lady of Fatima in Portsmouth. Ryan Huebner, Alison Huebner, Hannah Sacco, Mark Huebner, Murphy Huebner, Sean Huebner, Abigail Huebner, Betsy Sacco served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Portsmouth American Legion Post No. 547 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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