

Harlan York, 82

Private graveside services for Harlan York, 82, Ladora, were held on Saturday, March 28. He died March 20, 2009, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Chaplain Tom Walsch officiated at the service.

Harlan York was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Ladora, the son of Dale and Bernese York. He grew up and attended school in Ladora. After school, he joined the Navy and was placed in the construction battalion where he served during World War II, in Okinawa, Japan.



He married Vera Primley on Oct. 30, 1946, after returning to Ladora. He held several jobs, including at Davies Feed, Amana Refrigeration, and Pioneer Seed until the late 1960s when he started York Construction. He did concrete and masonry work until he retired.

He enjoyed a variety of activities after retirement. He and his wife loved riding through the country admiring the outdoors and looking for deer. His love of nature continued at home where he spent much of his time feeding and admiring a variety of birds. He was also a craftsman and enjoyed creating unique crafts out of wood and painting. This can be witnessed by the various cartoon characters drawn and painted on his garage.

Another of his favorite pastimes was joining his Pronto buddies for coffee and conversation. Those who knew him will remember him for his quick wit and good-natured orneriness.

York is survived by his wife of 62 years; his children and their spouses, Dick and Suzette York, Sugar Grove, N.C.; Peg and Merle Schmidt, and Pat and Tom Rhinehart, all of Victor; and Harley and Julie York, and Amy York, all of Marengo; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Kay Shaul and Aletha Greene; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Karyol; and one brother, Ed.

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