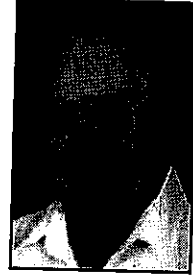


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Howard F. Tuttle Jr., 80

Funeral services for Howard F. Tuttle Jr., 80, Marengo, were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, at First United Methodist Church, Marengo. He died Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City. The Rev. Katie Dawson officiated at the service. Burial was in the Marengo Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established.



Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

Howard F. Tuttle was born Dec. 5, 1931, in Victor, the son of Howard J. and Frances Keeney Tuttle. He graduated from Marengo High School in 1951. He married Cleo A. Young Dec. 28, 1951, at the Methodist Church, Marengo. The couple farmed in the area for many years. They owned and operated The Dock restaurant on Highway 6 in the 1970s. He also worked at Amana Refrigeration, Davies Feed and Thermogas. He was a school bus driver for Iowa Valley Schools, delivered campers across the nation and was a lawn mower mechanic in Sigourney. His most recent employment was delivering Cub Cadet lawn mowers.

The couple had been wintering in McAllen, Texas, for over 17 years. He would return with medicines, vanilla from Mexico and grapefruit to give away to friends. He loved the "in-park music jams" and the "big band jams" while in Texas. He and his brother-in-law, Keith Young, would always start their days with breakfast together, both here in Marengo and in Texas. Sundays were reserved for breakfast with the family. He also enjoyed making beaded lamps and flag poles for friends.

Howard knew many people and almost all the roads in the area. He never took the same road home when out for a jaunt. Friday nights were reserved for his brother and sisters and their spouses in the area. He was known to do the dishes at Dusty's occasionally but never at home. He enjoyed square dancing, bowling and long weekends in Minnesota fishing with his bowling buddies. Later, they enjoyed getting together for the July 4 fish fry.

Tuttle is survived by his wife of 60 years, Cleo; two sons, Kenneth and wife, Carol, and Kirby, all Marengo; three grandchildren, Tina Tuttle and husband Rion, and Nathan Tuttle, all Marengo, and Felicia Koehn, California; two stepgrandchildren, Chris Lyman, Cedar Rapids, and Amy Imhoff, Iowa City; two great-grandchildren, Nessecity Tuttle and Karmia Koehn; and siblings and their spouses, Jean and Bob Gritman of Marion, Ann Schutterle of Ladora, Jack and Sharon Tuttle of Marengo, Shirley and Carrol Shaull of Ladora, and Betty and Larry Wiedemeier of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard in 1975, and Frances in 1999; one son, Kurtis, in 1990; an infant sister, nephews and a brother-in-law.