



## Benny Howk

May 15, 1942 - January 20, 2017

Benny Harrison Howk, 74, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away January 20, 2017 at his home. He was born May 15, 1942 in Cleveland Township near Belknap in Davis County, Iowa to Harold Moses and Iva Mae Huffman Howk. He was a 1961 graduate of Davis County High School. On June 22, 1962, he married Patricia Joan Coop at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church. Benny worked for many area farmers, Duffield's DX, Miller's DX, Joe's Sinclair, and then owned his own business, Ben's DX. Benny and Pat opened the first Sears Merchant Catalog Store in Bloomfield in 1971. He then owned the True Value Store in Bloomfield for 32 years, retiring in 2004. While not working, Benny enjoyed being on the farm and camping. He attended the Ottumwa Baptist Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Howk; three children, Michael (Leah) Howk, Deborah (Tim) Batterson both of Bloomfield, Melissa (Dennis) Hayes of Fort Belvoir, Virginia; 14 grandchildren, Alyssa and Deni Hayes, Emily, Katie, Adam, and Benjamin Batterson, Rachel Hayes, Noah Batterson, Rebekah Hayes, Luke, Sarah, Justus, Titus, and Hope Batterson; three sisters, LaRue (Joe) Heaton of Kirksville, Missouri, Sharon (Kevin) Blasi, Vicki (Mark) Shively both of Bloomfield, Iowa; three brothers, Tom (Judy) Howk, Harry (Brenda) Howk both of Bloomfield, Dick Howk of West Grove, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Jackie Ray Howk; and three sisters, Betty Sammons Ames, Sandra Luko, and Linda Blasi.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Travis Decker officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be given to Hospice of Wapello and Davis Counties, Ottumwa Baptist Temple Printing Ministry, or the Davis County Genealogical Society.

# Cemetery Details

## IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home  
304 West Jefferson Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537  
(641) 664-3421  
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Services

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Benny Howk*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *We wish to share a deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Tom,Dick,Harry,Mike, and the rest of the Howk family. I mean this with all my heart, Benny Howk was one of the nicest human beings I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He always helped dad and I at the store when we were trying to stumble through a project. We done a lot of business with him. A lot of people did. Genuine,honest,good ole fashioned customer service. What is lacking so much in America today. Mike told me around four years ago that their store(True Value) was one of the last of the original Bloomfield merchants still in business from back in the day after dads store ( Places). In the winter when all the rest of the stores were closed, I could drop in to Bens and get bullets,Johnny Warmer fluid, gun oil hats whatever for the next mornings rabbit hunt. Benny and the whole family are great people and cherished friends. Derek and Laurie Knowler*

Derek D. Knowler - January 24, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ *Pat, Mike and Family;*

*My deepest sympathies. Cherish the many good years and countless family memories.*

*Rob Bock  
True Value Hardware*



Rob Bock - January 24, 2017 at 08:27 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Benny Howk.*



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January 23, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Benny Howk.*



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January 23, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Pat and family: Gary and I are sorry of Ben's passing. Gary always liked visiting with him at the Temple. The good part of this is for Ben. No more suffering, and I'm sure he knew something about that. He is very fleet of foot this morning with our Lord being shone all over heaven. The bad part, Pat, is losing half of yourself. Devastating. I'm praying you will know the Lord's comfort and compassion for your grief in the following difficult days.*  
*Gary & Karen Pregon*

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**Karen Pregon** - January 23, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ *Dear Pat and family we are so very sorry for your loss of Ben we are thinking of you all*  
*Love Ann & Family xxx (Marie's sister)*

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**Ann Rossi** - January 23, 2017 at 04:22 AM

LR

“ Hi there Dick and Harry i hope you remember  
ME IYNN hUFFMAN rOBERTS YOUR  
CLASSMATE . i AM SORRY TO HEAR  
ABOUT YOUR dAD PASS AWAY . i ALWAYS  
LIKE THE True hard ware store your Mom  
Dad ran My Sympathy to all of the faimily  
Lynn roberts



Lynn Roberts - January 22, 2017 at 10:40 PM

KF

“ Kent Smith and family purchased the Peaceful Wi  
shes for the family of Benny Howk.



Kent Smith and family - January 22, 2017 at 09:50 PM



“ Dear Pat and family, We are thankful for Ben's friendship and yours.  
We are praying for you all as your hearts are aching and broken.  
We are so happy I Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18 gives us hope and  
assurance and we know Ben believed this. Verse 18 tells us to  
comfort one another with these words.

lone Friend - January 22, 2017 at 07:15 PM

BM

“ Ben always had a smile and a kind word for everyone, he just made  
you feel better to be around him. Ben will be greatly missed by all.  
My prayers are with you !

Becky Miller - January 22, 2017 at 03:20 PM

BW

“ I remember Benny from when I was a little kid. We would go to town for groceries and Benny was at the DX station on the corner right across from the grocery store. I'd ask mom after shopping, Are we going to go see Benny. As Benny always smiled and spoke to me so he was one of my favorite people in town. Later when he was at True Value the folks would send me to town for stuff they needed. The first time by myself I was sent to there, I was a bit nervous but Mom told me if you can't find what we need just find Benny He'll take good care of you. She was RIGHT he always did. THANK YOU Benny You will be missed by many here and Welcomed into heaven by many there.

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Betty Woollums

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**Betty A. Woollums** - January 22, 2017 at 12:32 PM

CH

“ May the Lord Bless and Comfort you. One day you will be together again. I'm praying for you all.

Carolyn Huffman

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**Carolyn Huffman** - January 22, 2017 at 07:42 AM

GE

“ So very sorry for your sad loss Pat & family. Thinking of you all & praying for you at this very difficult time. Love from Geraldine Jennings & family (Marie's sister) XXX

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**Geraldine** - January 22, 2017 at 06:13 AM

 Andrea  
Coop

“ I remember as a kid riding on his horse and Uncle Ben showing me the animals. I loved going into his store as he was always so kind. Uncle Ben you will be greatly missed and we are sending all our strength to your family in this very difficult time. Lots of love your niece Andrea

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**Andrea Coop** - January 22, 2017 at 02:49 AM

TM

“ Many happy memories of Ben, Pat and their family. Ben was a friend to all and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers for Pat and the children.  
Terri & Louie Miller

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**Terri & Louie Miller** - January 21, 2017 at 11:25 PM

BO

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers for you during this difficult time. Benny will be missed. Brian & Vickie Ornduff

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**Brian & Vickie Ornduff** - January 21, 2017 at 11:22 PM

MD

“ My deepest sympathy to Pat and all your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Remembering Ben as a good friend and neighbor. Sincerely, Marilyn Downing

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**Marilyn Downing** - January 21, 2017 at 08:51 PM

NT

“ *May the many memories you have your dad, husband, brother, uncle, etc. carry you through this difficult time. Our family has many fond memories of Ben's smile and great customer service when we stopped at True Value!*

*Richard Teubel family*

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**Nancy Teubel** - January 21, 2017 at 06:41 PM

DB

“ *To the family and friends of Ben, Though we didn't have the pleasure of knowing Ben for as long as many of you, in the 12 years we did have with Ben and his family, we sure enjoyed his wit, his genuine smile, his love of his family and his love of life especially when he was in better health. Although it may be difficult to see beyond the sorry of today, we hope looking back at the various memories Ben gifted you, they will help comfort you in the days ahead. May hope sustain you, friends surround you and love give you strength. Peace be with you,*

*Gordon, Deb, Adam, Ben and Kristina Borgstahl, of Iowa City (Deb is Leah's sister and Mike's sister-in-law)*

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**Debra Borgstahl** - January 21, 2017 at 04:48 PM