



Duane Bales

September 28, 1933 - April 15, 2026

Duane Leroy Bales, 92, of Floris, Iowa passed away on April 15, 2026, at the Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, Missouri. He was born on September 28, 1933, at home in Davis County to Stanley and Florence Carlson Bales. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1951.

Duane served in the Army from 1956-1962. He loved to talk about all his travels while in the service and he especially enjoyed the time he spent in Germany.

Duane met Thelma Shadley and they were married on June 5, 1960. The couple settled on a farm near Floris and raised livestock and grain. To this union three children were born: Brent, Wesley, and Kelly who all currently reside in Floris. Thelma passed away on October 5, 2021.

Duane worked for John Morrell and Company for over 19 years until the plant closed in April 1973. At which time Duane continued to farm and help with Don Horn Auction Service where he stayed for many years. Duane loved going to auctions. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Southern Iowa Electric Coop for 28 years.

He is survived by three sons, Brent Bales, Wesley (Loretta) Bales, Kelly (Lisa) Bales; four grandchildren, Kyle, Lindsey and Sierra Bales (children of Kelly

and Lisa) and Adrian Bales (son of Wesley and Loretta); three step-grandchildren, Josh (Cindy) Shepherd, Jeramey (Tammy) Shepherd, Justin Shepherd; two great-grandchildren, Henry Bales (son of Kyle Bales), Kolsen (son of Adrian Bales); three step-great-grandchildren, Kaydance Shepherd, Thomas Shepherd, Oakley Shepherd; two brothers, Oscar Bales, David (Diane) Bales; and a sister, Christina LaPoint.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; grandson, Quentin Bales; sister, Alice Walther; two brothers-in-law, Lloyd Shadley, Richard LaPoint; and two sisters-in-law, Rosie Shadley, Janet Bales.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Floris Cemetery in Floris, Iowa with Pastor Mel Kendall officiating. Visitation will begin at noon on Monday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the family to be designated later.

Cemetery Details

Floriss Cemetery

Floriss, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation with Family Present

APR 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
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Graveside Services

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Floriss Cemetery
Floriss, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Wes and family,
So sorry to hear of your father's passing.*

Nancy Teubel - April 21 at 09:37 PM

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“ *Love, Jacqui & Ryan Thede & Jerry <3
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for
the family of Duane Bales.*



Love, Jacqui & Ryan Thede & Jerry <3 - April 20 at 02:45 PM

RG

“ *Rob Gassman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for
the family of Duane Bales.*



Rob Gassman - April 17 at 01:48 PM

RG

“ *Rob Gassman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Bales.*

Rob Gassman - April 17 at 01:48 PM

JM

“ *RIP Duane. My Mom, Betty Sanford, always considered you a kind
friend at Morrells.*

Jill McKee - April 17 at 10:56 AM

TC

Oscar, so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. I plan on coming over to the visitation on monday. So hope to see you then. Sympathies from all of us. 💔

Teri Carr - April 18 at 09:35 AM

RG

“ *Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Duane Bales*



Regina Gooden - April 16 at 06:22 PM

Julie Scott

“ *Julie Scott lit a candle in memory of Duane Bales*



Julie Scott - April 16 at 04:37 PM