



Orville W. Rupe

September 17, 1928 - March 23, 2019

Orville W. Rupe, 90, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on March 23, 2019 at the Davis County Hospital in Bloomfield. He was born September 17, 1928 in Davis County to Earl and Anna Nalley Rupe. Orville served in the Army during the Korean War. He married Florence Prevo on September 17, 1952 in Rockford, Illinois. Florence passed away on December 24, 1999.

Orville was a self-employed general contractor and painter. He built many homes and painted just about everything in Davis County at least once, including landmarks like the Davis County Courthouse, the water tower, the IOOF Building, and every building on the square at one time or another. He was well known for his good work as a painter.

While not working, Orville enjoyed hunting, gardening, and spending time with friends. He also spent many years racing stock cars at various tracks in the area.

He is survived by two daughters, Kim Rupe, Pam Townsend both of Bloomfield; two step-sons, Tommy (Sarah) Johnson of Mooresville, North Carolina, Doy (Mary) Johnson of Floris, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; very special friend, Stan (Deb) Huggins of Bloomfield; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; granddaughter, Vallerie Roberts; two step-daughters, Jane Ann Walker, Vicki Vee Johnson; six brothers, Burrell, Jerry, Eugene, Grant, Gerald, and Ronald Rupe; and five sisters, Lucille Padget, Rose Wintermote, Wanda Rupe, Anna Leasher, Marjorie Skinner.

Visitation and celebration of Orville's life will be from 2-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Bloomfield and the Heartland Humane Society in Ottumwa.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 31. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Orville W. Rupe

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Pam, Kim, Doy, Tommy and all the family, I am so sorry we could not make it to Orville's service! I have been sick since March 24th and still fighting this virus! I first met Orville when I started working at the hospital with Florence in 1975! They were soon my 2nd set of parents! They saw me through my marriage & divorce from Reggie Guter. Then saw me through my marriage to Bill Vinzant. Florence's passing left a hole in my heart! Then Bill passed away in 2001! Orville, Pam, Jeremy, & Brandi especially continued to be in my life! Then I met Kermit Wood, my current guy, and we all became close with the Rupe gang! I have a heartful of memories with Orville! We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers! God bless you all!
Cindy Stockham/Kermit Wood
PS: Jeremy, Kermit says if you need a good laugh, just look him up!

Cindy Stockham - April 02, 2019 at 12:35 AM



“ Orville was a Great Friend, He could always tell or show me how to do or fix something. He was my “Go To Guy”. We could not see each other for 2, 3 years then talk like it was yesterday. He was a True Friend, I will miss him very much. We had a standing joke, “ All ya gotta do Dave is watch the Rope .”

David Bronson - March 30, 2019 at 06:52 PM

Dana
Day

“ Heartfelt condolences



Dana Day - March 26, 2019 at 04:05 PM

VS

I'm so sorry for your lose Orvil will be deeply missed

Valerie Sparks Smith - March 28, 2019 at 07:03 AM

LY

“ Hi. Thier to. The family. Orville rupe my. Sympathy to you all. Of. The. Family. I. Am. Sorry. For. Your. Lost he. Will be. Miss. Lynn roberts

Lynn - March 25, 2019 at 08:13 PM

LY

“ Lynn lit a candle in memory of Orville W. Rupe



Lynn - March 25, 2019 at 08:11 PM

DH

“ Was a great inspiration during the 5 years I worked on restoring the station. Gave me a lot of tips on painting and stucco work. Lots of good racing stories to boot.

Dan Hutchings - March 25, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *I believe uncle Orville was the last of grampa Burrells siblings living...I remember him never ever showing up with out a basket of apples or something delicious for us as children...he was loving, gentle and kind...even as he aged he always saw me, knew me and hugged me like I was 10 again....rest in heaven uncle Orville... I love you*

Sonya Adair - March 24, 2019 at 11:06 PM

DJ

“ *I'll always remember how much he helped my brother Doug with the racing. And in later years, sitting beside him at the races. He loved to watch. He was a near little man. Hugs and prayers to all the family.*

Debbie Townsend Jacobsmeier - March 24, 2019 at 05:53 PM

TC

“ *Teddy And Mary Cary lit a candle in memory of Orville W. Rupe*



Teddy and Mary Cary - March 24, 2019 at 04:47 PM