



## Raymond Fort

June 11, 1938 - October 19, 2016

Raymond Laverne Fort, 78, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away October 19, 2016 at Hospice House in Ottumwa. He was born June 11, 1938 in Bloomfield to Paul R. and Hazel M. Hamilton Fort. He married Patricia Bride on August 10, 1958 in Ottumwa. The couple raised a son, Jeff.

Raymond graduated from Davis County High School in 1956. After high school, he attended St. Joseph School of Nursing, graduating as an Operating Room Technician in 1963. He would later graduate from Ottumwa Heights College in May 1973 and attend Upper Iowa University. Raymond worked at the Davis County Hospital as a surgical tech for several years. In 1964, he started working for John Deere in Ottumwa and retired from the purchasing department in 1992. In 1994, Raymond started working for the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. He worked at the funeral home for over 20 years, retiring earlier this year.

In his free time, Raymond enjoyed woodworking, photography, going to auctions and flea markets, making stain glass windows, dining out with his wife, and going to area casinos. He was a member of the Bloomfield United Methodist Church and the Davis County Historical Society, where he had served as President and board member for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Fort of Bloomfield; son, Jeff (Tracy) Fort of

Pella, Iowa; nephew, Mike Petefish of Bloomfield; three nieces, Pam (Arlen) Anderson of Albia, Iowa, Julie Gardner-Wisse, Monica Bride both of Oskaloosa, Iowa; and a brother-in-law, Jerry (Kay) Bride of Ottumwa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Donna Lou Petefish; and brother-in-law, Jasper Petefish.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. John D. Boatman and Rev. Tim Frasher officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to the Bloomfield United Methodist Church, Davis County Historical Society, and Hospice of Wapello and Davis Counties.

# Cemetery Details

## IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Fort*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Ray and I used to walk to school together in Kindergarten and First Grade. We were great friends. I always looked forward to his smile and kindness. He kept us abreast of all the local news as well as class news. I shall miss him. Go with God my friend.*

*Judy Nelson Picknell 20 Oct 2016*

**Judy Picknell** - October 29, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *Rays faithfulness to BHS Class of 1956 will be long appreciated as will his devotion to the Davis County community He is missed already. Glenn & Ann-Marie Baughman*

**Glenn & Ann-Marie Baughman** - October 22, 2016 at 04:53 AM



“ *Pat my thoughts are with you and Jeff and family. It just seems like the other day I saw you two at Fareway. I hope his illness was short.*

*Ray was my buddy at work, we was always on the same project. And were also the Factory Photographers so we got to go to all retirements etc. We always had such fun, and managed to get a lot done also.....besides eat a lot of cake.*

*He was a wonderful man and will be missed.  
karen mccarty*

**KAREN MCCARTY** - October 21, 2016 at 04:33 PM

TH

“ Jeff & Tracy - So sorry to learn of your father's passing. Know that our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family.  
-Todd & Tracy Hughes

Todd Hughes - October 21, 2016 at 02:09 PM

PG

“ Ray was such a good friend and always kept me informed about other classmates in our class of 1956. He will surely be missed by all. May God's peace be with you and the family. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Phil Goode

Phil Goode - October 21, 2016 at 12:35 PM



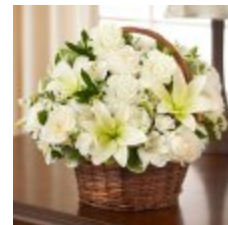
“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Raymond Fort.



October 21, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Raymond Fort.



October 21, 2016 at 10:47 AM

NM

“ Jeff I am so sorry to hear o fthe passing of your Father. I am praying for peace for you and your family in this time of need.

*Natalie McGrady*

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**Natalie McGrady** - October 21, 2016 at 09:51 AM

MJ

“ Please give my condolences to Patricia Fort and family. My prayers and thought are with you all. Will miss Raymond.

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**Marsha Wagler Jarrett** - October 20, 2016 at 04:49 PM

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*Peace be with the family of my friend Raymond during this difficult time. He was a generous and interesting man with whom I shared an interest in the history of Bloomfield and Davis County. I will miss our history lessons.*

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**Rudy Evans** - October 21, 2016 at 09:51 AM