



Duane Thomas Rohrer

September 30, 1930 - July 15, 2020

Duane Thomas Rohrer, 89, of Mason City, died Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the IOOF Home in Mason City.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 31, 2020, at Epiphany Parish St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mason City. A private family burial will be at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery in Mason City.

Visitation with a public viewing will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2020, at the funeral home in Mason City, where a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Rosary will be said at 5:45 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendees are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Parkinson's Foundation in memory of Duane Rohrer. www.parkinson.org.

Duane was born September 30, 1930, the son of Harold and Della (Hillpiper) Rohrer in Woolstock, IA. He married Carol (Olson) on April 23, 1952, in Clarion, IA.

A graduate of Clarion High School, Duane enlisted in the United States Army Signal Corps and served during the Korean Conflict. Following an honorable discharge, he worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as a repairman and installer. After 40 years, he retired from AT&T in 1992.

Duane was a member of Epiphany Parish St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mason City, Columbia Club (Knights of Columbus) where he served as Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faithful Navigator and managed the local council in Mason City. He also helped establish Little League Baseball with the Knights of Columbus, and continued his involvement for 28 years. Duane coached one of the first two teams in 1962 and with his and numerous others involvement, by 1990 there were 1,000 boys and 85 teams involved! Tuffy enjoyed many trips with his family "up North".

Always being patient when he would take his, not quite so experienced, daughters and grandkids out, making sure they got to a crappie hole as he baited hooks, took off the fish and told stories all while smiling and whistling away. Tuff also went on many guy trips with his son, brothers and friends to Arkansas along with memorable ice fishing excursions. He was always eager to get out on that frozen lake and is known to be one of the first to drive out each year on the fresh ice to get the fish! Tuff was actively involved with running and managing several community drives and fundraisers throughout Mason City. Those included fish fry's, watermelon feeds, chili feeds and many meals prepared and served through the Community Kitchen. Tuff loved watching his grandkids' sporting events! He and Carol rarely missed a local game. You could find him in the stands cheering proudly while wearing their high school pins, hats and t-shirts!

Duane "Tuffy" Rohrer touched many lives, but mostly he was a beloved and wonderful Husband, Father, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, friend and servant to others.

Duane is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Carol; five children, Mike (Traci) Rohrer of Mason City, Mickey (Bob) Roderick of Mason City, Lori (Tom) Wynn of Naples, FL, Mona (Mitch) Hoy of Mason City and Lynn Reiners of Orono, MN; grandchildren, Sara Rohrer Cox, Erin Sanderson, Breanna Johnson, Rachel Lange, Jeri Sberal, Jake Roderick, Katie Roderick, Kari Roderick, Kelli Davis, Roger Carlson, Amy Hogg, Rhea Anderson, Ryan Mix, Taylor Ott, Anisa Hoy, Justina Abimanyu, Jordan Hoy, Tanner Hoy, Sydney Reiners, Grace Reiners and Justus Reiners; 27 great grandchildren; and siblings, Edward (Fritz) Rohrer, Caryl John Rohrer and Diane (Gary) Dahlgren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Lois Hagen; brothers, Francis Rohrer and Gary Rohrer.

Tuff's family would like to thank the IOOF Home and MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, both in Mason City, for their wonderful care and love shown to him.

Cemetery

**Elmwood-St. Joseph
Cemetery**
1224 South Washington
Mason City, IA,

Events

JUL Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel
126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US,
50401

JUL Rosary 05:45PM

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Comments



“ So sorry for your loss. Tuff was the best neighbor any one could ask for. We lived next door to him and Carol on Rhode Island till they moved. He was a very kind and thoughtful man. He will be missed. Are thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dear and Gene Timmerman

Dar Timmerman - July 30 at 05:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Rohrer.



July 30 at 10:43 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Rohrer.



July 30 at 07:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Rohrer.



July 29 at 03:06 PM



“ Mona and families,

We are so sorry to hear about your dad..You are in our thoughts and prayers..sending sympathy to al.

Lyle and Deb - July 28 at 08:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James F Rohrer - July 28 at 01:31 PM



“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Tuff. Our sympathies go out to his family. He was a good telephone man whom I enjoyed working with. Rest in peace Tuff!

Donald M Wilson - July 28 at 01:10 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James F Rohrer - July 28 at 12:56 PM



“ Beginning in the 1950's Tuffy and Carol would often come to Seattle to visit Carol's Mom and Dad and with each visit they would contact and see Tuffy's Uncle Russ and his family. Every summer I would hope that Tuffy and Carol would visit. They were are closest contact to the Rohrer's in Iowa. I can remember all of the visits from the time when Mom was teaching me to walk on stilts, and Tuffy surprised us both, to later day trips to Lake Shoecraft and Silverton. Tuffy had quire a memory and was quick with a story and a laugh. Most of all Tuffy was a caring man who loved his family and friends. I am sure God is pleased with Cousin Tuffy and I hope to see him again.

Jim Rohrer

James F Rohrer - July 28 at 12:30 PM



“ The Jerde families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Duane Thomas Rohrer.



The Jerde families - July 28 at 12:05 PM



“ Jim and Karen Rohrer Greenbank, Washington purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Thomas Rohrer.



Jim and Karen Rohrer Greenbank, Washington - July 28 at 11:24 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Thomas Rohrer.



July 28 at 07:32 AM



“ Our sympathy to the whole family. Tuff lived a great life! Such a nice family that I have known about 60 years! We were neighbors and good friends. I feel so blessed to have had them in my life. God bless you all. Much love, Donna and Lorenz Daleske

Donna Daleske - July 27 at 09:45 PM



“ Tuff and Denny worked together at NWB and evidently had many adventures. Two boys from Clarion getting together everyday. Carol and Tuff were so good to us when we first moved to Mason City as newly weds. Mike and Mickey were little and I always had fun playing with them. We've stayed close through the years and we watched them raise their beautiful family. He was so proud of them. We send our love, thoughts, prayers and condolences to Carol and family. He will be missed by many. Jan and Denny Bell

Jan and Denny Bell - July 27 at 08:40 PM



“ Thank you so much! It was so nice to visit with you both when they were at the ridge home. We miss him so much but hold so many wonderful happy memories. Thank you again
Mona

Mona Hoy - July 27 at 08:45 PM



“ I knew Tuff because I lived next to them and played with his daughters

Shelly - July 25 at 11:21 PM



“ Hi Shelly, thank you sweetie! That means so much to us at this time. Hope you're doing good these days. mona

Mona Hoy - July 27 at 08:47 PM



“ We were friends and neighbors of Tuff and Carol many years ago when we lived on 8th St. in Mason City. Had some wonderful times together. Our condolences go out to Carol and her children, who we remember well. He was a great man and had a great life. Peace to all of you,
Ron and Sharon Hanson

Ron and Sharon Hanson - July 24 at 02:09 AM



“ Hi Ron & Sharon! So nice to hear from you! God bless.

Lori Wynn - July 24 at 04:52 PM



“ Thank you both so much!

Mona Hoy - July 27 at 08:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Incredibly hard to lose such a special parent and grandfather. My thoughts and sympathy are with all of you.

Sandy King - July 23 at 02:32 PM



“ Thank you a Sandy. So nice to hear from you.

Mona Hoy - July 27 at 08:48 PM



“ Mike,

It's been nearly 40 years since I lived in Mason City, but I'll always remember the legends. Tuff Rohrer will always be a legend in my mind for his involvement K of C youth baseball. I remember my dad telling our Pony League team that if it wasn't for Jerry Callahan and Tuff Rohrer there would be no little league in Mason City. I'll always remember his warm smile and words of encouragement during high school baseball too. My condolences and prayer to you and the Rohrer family.

Tony Marroni

Anderson, SC

Tony Marroni - July 29 at 02:37 PM