



## Robert Blakesley

March 14, 1927 - December 29, 2018

Robert W. "Bob" Blakesley, 91, of Mason City, died Saturday (December 29, 2018) at his home surrounded by his loving family.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm on Saturday (January 5, 2019) at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St NE, Mason City. Military honors will be provided by the Mason City Veterans.

Bob's family will greet relatives and friends one hour prior to the service.

The son of Ray and Bessie (Whiteis) Blakesley, Robert Whiteis Blakesley was born on March 14, 1927 in Independence, Missouri, one of eight children.

At the age of 16 Bob enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he honorably served his country during the occupation of Japan during World War II. Following his honorable discharge in July of 1946, Bob joined his parents in Mason City.

On December 20, 1951 Bob was united in marriage to Virginia Mariner in St. Louis, Missouri; together they would be blessed with 68 years of marriage and two daughters, Bobbi and Vicki.

Bob and Virginia settled in Mason City where Bob owned and operated Blakesley Enterprises, steel fabrication and welding.

In his younger years Bob enjoyed stock car racing and was one of the first stock car drivers at the Iowa speedway. He was an avid hunter and fisherman; he and Ginny spent countless hours along the riverside fishing with friends. Together they loved playing cards at the Moose Lodge and VFW, of which Bob was a lifetime member of both.

Those grateful in sharing in his life are his wife, Virginia "Ginny" Blakesley, Mason City; daughters, Bobbi (Gene) Black, Clear Lake, Vicki (Larry) Warner, Mason City;

grandchildren, Erin (Rocky) Smith and their children, Zander Lee and Calley Grace; Angie (Ryan) O'Hara and their children, Logan, Peyton, and Lauren; and Yolanda "Loni" (Riley) Dirkson, and their son, Everett; his brothers and sister in law, Peter (Janelle) Mariner, Lenna Mae Wilder, and Gary Mariner; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Vern Blakesley, George Blakesley, Clarence Blakesley, Ray Blakesley, William Blakesley, Mary Louise Fleming, and Stanley Blakesley.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**                      12:30PM - 01:30PM

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

**JAN**   **Celebration of Life**    01:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Vicky sorry for your loss, know you are in thoughts and prayers Mary Smith

mary smith - January 05 at 09:31 AM

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“ Uncle Bob was the best! I can still remember all the visits him and Aunt Jenny made to Arizona. I think it was the first time they came, Vicki and Bobbylyn came with them. We all had so much fun, hanging out with our cousins for the 1st time. We had lots of laughs. Then I remember Uncle Bob and Aunt Jenny coming several times after. They would stay up all hours, playing cards. My dad and uncle were very close. They both had a great sense of humor and loved joking around with each other. Until we are all together again. R.I.P.



Patty Haehn - January 03 at 08:18 PM

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“ This country was fortunate to have men like Robert Blakesley, just stop and think- who goes off to war at 16.....amazing!!! Condolences to the family. Semper Fidelis Marine.

Chris Withers - January 03 at 03:05 PM

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“ Dad your the best! Rest in peace

Vicki warner - January 03 at 07:02 AM

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“ I grew up down the street from the Blakesley's. I never saw Bob that he did not have a smile on his face. My father had a shack on Eagle Lake where Bob also had a cabin. Many good times were spent around Bob while growing up. God's speed Bob, you were one of a kind!

Chris Whipple - January 02 at 04:06 PM



“ I played cards with Bob at the Moose. He was excellent card player and fun to be with. He will be missed by all. John Bratvold

**John Bratvold** - December 31, 2018 at 11:09 PM