



Duane Theodore Ballhagen

September 13, 1934 - May 6, 2025

Duane Theodore Ballhagen, age 90, of Rockwell, IA passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Rockwell Community Nursing Home.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, IA with Pastor Wendy Johannesen officiating.

Duane was born on September 13, 1934, to Lawrence and Irene (Marrs) Ballhagen in Rockford. He graduated from Rockwell Charter High School. On March 11, 1956, Duane was united in marriage to Shirley (Arndt) at the Congregational Church in Rockwell. Together they had 4 children. Duane was good with his hands, constantly working on his home and inventing new things. He created solutions to any problem. If he didn't have the tool to finish a job, he would build his own. He would use these skills in his garden and around the family farm. On the farm were Duane's beloved Chickens. When he was working, Duane was a truck driver for Builder Supply and Midwest Wholesale. He was known for his sense of humor and always having something to say.

Those left to cherish Duane's memory are his wife of 69 years Shirley Ballhagen, daughter Connie Strong, his sister Sandra (Harold) Pippert, 7

grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Duane was preceded in death by his daughters Terri Ballhagen and Peggi Meyer, son Duane William "Will" Ballhagen, sister Sharon Cordle, and brother Don and his wife Diana Ballhagen.

The family would also like to extend the greatest of thank you's to the Rockwell Community Nursing Home and MercyOne Hospice of North Iowa for their excellent care.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Rockford, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City
123 2nd St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-8676
mail@fullertonfh.com
<https://www.fullertonfh.com>

Graveside Service

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Riverside Cemetery
Rockford, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ *The very first day I met Duane I knew we would be friends. His laughter was contagious. He always had a great story to tell. When he talked about his family he just had a glow about him. I felt honored that he introduced myself and my husband to his family. I will miss his calls telling me about weather and everything else that happen since the last time we talked. My thoughts and prayers are with all his family and friends. Rest in peace my dear friend. I hope they let you ride a Jonh Deere through those Pearly Gates.* ”



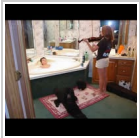
Susan Spriggs - May 09, 2025 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Jeremy & Nick purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Duane Theodore Ballhagen.* ”



Jeremy & Nick - May 09, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Do you know how to make dry ice?
Probably my 2st and best memory of Uncle Duane.
Milking the cow and Butch the basset hound.
You are loved and will be missed.* ”

Krystal Irelan - May 08, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Theodore Ballhagen.



May 08, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane Theodore Ballhagen.

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“ Duane was one in a million. He always had something to say that you couldn't help but smile or laugh! "Do you walk to school or carry your lunch?". "What's the difference between an orange?". I've remembered these two jokes for over 50 years. His LOVE for his family knew no bounds. He will be greatly missed.

Michele L Graves - May 08, 2025 at 01:04 PM



He was a great man and I am glad I got to be part of this family. I will miss him but thankfully for all the good and ornery (just kidding) memories. RIP uncle Duane.

Whitney Dixon - May 08, 2025 at 05:05 PM