



Terry Lee VanHorn

September 20, 1953 - February 1, 2025

Terry Lee VanHorn, age 71, of Mason City, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Per Terry's wishes, he will be cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Terry was born on September 20, 1953, in Mason City to Lloyd and Margaret "Opkis" VanHorn. He graduated from Mason City High School in 1972, then began working alongside his dad and twin brother, Larry, at VanHorn Auto Parts until retirement. On October 18, 1974, Terry was united in marriage to the love of his life, Susan "Sue" in Mason City. The couple shared over 50 (mostly) wonderful years together. Terry was an adventurous person and always kept Sue on her toes. He was notorious for asking Sue for a hand when working on projects that ended up taking much longer than the 5 minutes he promised. Terry was full of ideas along with being stubborn and uncontrollable, but with a big heart. He had a large circle of friends who were willing (cautiously) to help him with difficult and sometimes ill-advised projects. In this process a few trips to the ER were necessary along with numerous rescues. Hilarity ensued...

After his retirement, Terry worked on his life-long dream of building his cabin. He loved the outdoors; especially going hunting and fishing. He enjoyed

mowing and tearing through the woods on his John Deere. Terry knew how to keep himself busy and mostly out of trouble with his long list of never-ending projects. He was a woodworker and made bird feeders, benches and tables; as well as other items he was asked to build. Terry's most treasured moments were with his granddaughter Zoey and his family out at the cabin fishing, shooting and chain saws roaring or just spending time together. Terry will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Sue VanHorn; son, Gary (Heidi) VanHorn; granddaughter, Zoey VanHorn; father, Lloyd VanHorn; sisters, Connie (Bob) Zinnel and Vicki Eckman and many other extended family members and friends.

He was reunited in heaven with his mother, Margaret VanHorn; twin brother, Larry VanHorn and brother-in-law, Geno Eckman.

Tribute Wall

SU

“ *thank you for ALL the fireworks. s.u.*

scott usher - February 19, 2025 at 02:22 PM

HB

“ *Connie and family,*

We express our sympathy. You are all in our thoughts, and prayers. God's blessings to you all. May God comfort you, and give you strength. May the fond memories of Terry be in your heart forever.

*Blessings and prayers. 🙏
Harlan and Marge Baack*



Harlan and Marge Baack - February 07, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *I'm sending sincere apologies for your loss from Linda (Bill) Leduc. I'm their daughter Tracy, my mom hasn't much eyesight anymore and asked me to send this. They all have many great memories and lots of good times she'll never forget. She's very very sorry and he will be missed alot. And now Terry is with my husband Bill making more memories*

RIP Love Linda LeDuc

Tracy Crawford - February 04, 2025 at 05:24 PM

CE

I'm so sorry to hear this. And now the twins have passed. I've known them since the 1970s. They were always friendly and showed respect. About 2 yrs ago, Terry heard me tell someone I bent my mower blade. He said he'll fix it for me. I didn't have to ask! He went and bought the blade and put it on! I was grateful because I didn't know anyone who would fix it for me. Sad, we have now lost both Larry and Terry. I didn't realize they possibly had health problems. Thank you both for being my friends.

Cindy Ehresmann - February 05, 2025 at 09:58 AM

CW

Sad to hear of Terry's passing. I've known Terry since he and Larry were small kids running around the junkyard. I guess we played thousands of games of cribbage, always a good time. Many hours of just talking over a cold Bud. Terry was a good friend, a true friend if he liked you. He will be missed by many people. I will miss him. RIP.

Charles Ward - February 07, 2025 at 01:23 AM



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Amanda Pate-Maklena - February 04, 2025 at 04:05 PM

 Susan
Darling
Martin

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember all the love and things you and Terry shared in your life together. Sending comforting hugs. Love, Susan*

Susan Darling Martin - February 04, 2025 at 01:02 PM

CO

“ *Someone once asked if Sue was my daughter so Terry started calling me mom. Have many stories from Toys for Tots to helping plan Anniversary Party. We all will have memories to treasure for many years to come. RIP. Candy Ackerman (aka mom)*

Candy Ockerman - February 03, 2025 at 05:00 PM