



## Carl W. Brain

February 4, 1932 - October 2, 2019

Carl Watts Brain, 87, of rural Hedrick died Monday, September 30, 2019, at his home south of Hedrick. He was born February 4, 1932, in Moravia, Iowa, the son of Earl and Ruth Watts Brain. He graduated from Hedrick High School with the class of 1950. Following graduation, he continued working with his family running the Hedrick Elevator, farming, and trucking. On May 7, 1954, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Eckley. To this union five sons were born, Don, Wayne, David, Gregory, and Lyle. In the early 1990's, he shifted his focus from driving truck, to farming and running the elevator. He was looking forward to harvest this fall and managing the tasks his boys still needed "help" with around the farm. He was a member of the Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church. He was a 50 plus year member of the Free Masons. He started his journey in the Masons by joining the Garfield 485 in Hedrick, then was a member of Martinsburg 106 and currently the Justice Lodge 230 in Ollie. He enjoyed being the Grand Marshall of the 2019 Hedrick BBQ Days. He was an avid golfer and looked forward to trips to Homestead, Florida to visit his brother Dean to golf and fish. He also enjoyed working on puzzles. It was not uncommon to see Carl driving around rural Keokuk and Wapello County in his pickup, he enjoyed driving the countryside and checking the crops and watching the wildlife. He delighted in spending time with his family.

His family includes his five sons, Don (Nita) Brain of Hedrick, Wayne (Debra)

Brain of Baldwin, Georgia, David (Trish) Brain of Bruner, Missouri, Gregory Brain of Des Moines, and Lyle (Denise) Brain of Ottumwa; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; a brother, Henry (Clara) Brain of Fort Dodge; and his special friend, Karen Smith.

Carl was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy on March 7, 2006; his parents, a granddaughter, Melissa Brain; a brother, Dean Brain; and a sister, Celia Winston.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church in Hedrick with Reverend Michael Elrod officiating. As was Carl's wish he will be cremated following the funeral ceremony. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Friday after 12 noon in the Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church in Hedrick and the family will be at the church from 5-7 Friday evening to greet friends and relatives. There will be a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Friday to pay tribute to Carl's 50 plus years of membership. Memorials may be made to Pekin Community Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

OCT 4. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church  
Hedrick, IA

## Family Visitation

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church  
Hedrick, IA

## Funeral Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hedrick-Martinsburg United Methodist Church  
Hedrick, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl W. Brain.* ”



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October 02, 2019 at 10:44 PM



“ *You'll be missed, Carl. I hope you're up in heaven, outrunning the sheriff and making him burn up his new Cadillac.* ”

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**Alice Brain** - October 02, 2019 at 03:31 PM