



## John Louis Harms

August 24, 1928 - January 26, 2025

John Louis Harms entered his eternal life January 26, 2025. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025, at Dumont New Hope United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. John will be laid to rest at the Oak Hill Cemetery in rural Bristow. Woodley Funeral Home of Dumont is caring for John and his family.

John was born August 24, 1928, to Lupke and Hannah (Eilers) Harms in Kesley, Iowa, and lived there until the family moved to Bristow. He graduated from Bristow High School in 1947 and spent some time in Washington, D.C. working for the FBI offices. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953, serving in Germany during the Korean War.

He married Marilyn Stoa on July 8, 1953, in Hatton, North Dakota. They lived in Bristow for nearly 70 years, before moving to Grand Jivante in Ackley. John worked at Bristow Hardware, Kerr McGee Fertilizer Plant, Fischel Construction, lumber yards in Allison and Hampton, Kreiner Brothers Implement, and Bob's Feed and Seed. He also helped numerous farmers in the area.

John enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, card games, and entertaining his grandchildren and other youngsters. He was a member of Dumont United Methodist Church, serving in several capacities...including always having

peppermints for the Sunday School children. He is past Commander of the Bristow AmVets and enjoyed the responsibility of making sure the rifles and flags were ready for Memorial Day. John also served as a volunteer fireman for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; children Jennifer (Vicky Foresman) Roberts, Valerie (Larry) Wiegmann, Tracy (Jeff) Baltes and Tim (Brenda) Harms; eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents, three sisters, and a granddaughter.

Memorials may be directed to the Allison AmVets.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

19112 Evergreen Ave  
Dumont, IA 50625

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope United Methodist Church - Dumont Center  
706 Locust Street  
Dumont, IA 50625

## Service

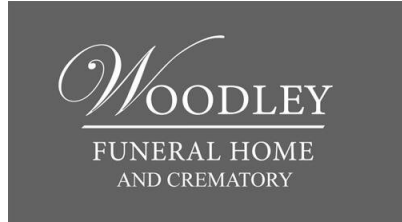
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# Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of John Louis Harms



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - January 31, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Louis Harms.

February 03, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ John contacted me for several years to arrange for a North Butler Band to provide patriotic music at the program held in the Bristow Cemetery on Memorial Day. Afterwards, John would open the trunk of his car where he would have a cooler filled with ice cold Pepsi for the kids. Just a small example of a life well-lived. Condolences to Marilyn and the rest of the family.

Susan Brackett, North Butler Band Director

Susan Brackett - January 31, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SK

“ Simone Family (his sister Violet’s kids) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Louis Harms.



Simone Family (his sister Violet’s kids) - January 30, 2025 at 06:08 PM

JS

“ A couple fun fishing trips in ND with Uncle Johnnie. Great memories. Will miss you.



Jeff Stoa - January 29, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Louis Harms.



January 28, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ John probably knew my uncle from Allison that worked at the Bristol lumber yard for many years. Otto Klunder. Small world. Blessings.

Ron Muhlenbruck - January 28, 2025 at 11:57 AM

SK

“ I somewhat remember John when he worked at the Allison lumber yard when I was much younger. He and my Dad, Leuie Korte, always had good conversation when we were there. John was a 1st cousin to my Grandmother, Jennie (Harms) Korte. John's Dad, Lupke, and Jennie's Dad, Emme Harms, were brothers. That would make John and Leuie 1st cousins once removed. John, Leuie, and great-grandpa (to me) Emme Harms all had the same birthday: August 24. You have my sympathy for your loss.

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**Scot Korte** - January 28, 2025 at 11:48 AM