



Marlo DeWayne Westaby

November 3, 1927 - March 18, 2022

Marlo Westaby, 94, of Alexander, passed away Friday, March 18, 2022, at the Madrid Home.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the First Reformed Church in Alexander. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place at the Alexander Cemetery. The Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Marlo and his family.

Click here to join live broadcast of Marlo's Funeral Service (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88481441556?pwd=SE0xMEIYWYnBsMndCL2xQZENnbG5tdz09>)

Marlo DeWayne Westaby, son of W. C. (Willie) and Etta Westaby, was born on a farm east of Alexander, Iowa on November 3, 1927. Marlo graduated from Alexander High School in 1945. He enlisted in the Naval Reserves and was discharged when WWII ended. Marlo then returned home.

He met the love of his life when Gloria Helvick came to Alexander to teach school. They married on July 28, 1948. They bought an old one-room country school and moved it into town where they remained for their married life of 72 ½ years. To this union, they were blessed with six children.

Marlo was an entrepreneur at heart. He loved to work on equipment and was always looking for a better way to make things work. He went into custom hay baling with his father. They built homemade tractors that were used to pull the balers. In the late 1950's, Westaby Truck Line was started doing custom corn shelling and hauling. In the early 70's, Marlo and Kevin started a farrow to finish hog operation and continued to feed hogs until 2007. In 1975 Marlo and his two sons, Mike and Kevin, bought the grain elevator in Alexander operating Westaby Grain Company until it was sold in 1990. Then, Marlo and Kevin went into custom manure hauling. Marlo retired at the age of 82.

He was a lifelong member of the Alexander United Methodist Church until its closing. He served on many church committees and became a certified lay speaker serving several area churches.

Marlo loved his music! He was a member of the River City Barbershop Chorus in Mason City for over 50 years. A highlight for him during one of the annual Barbershop Shows was when he and Gloria did a ballroom dance scene while the chorus sang. He also sang the lead part in the Alexander Harmonizers quartet for several of those years.

Marlo and Gloria loved to dance! After their children were raised, they started ballroom dancing. They were known to drive many, many miles to listen to a favorite band, anywhere in the Midwest. They gained numerous friends and made even more memories from their years of dancing.

He was very proud of his family and loved when everyone was together. He looked forward to attending his daughter's ballgames, and later many grandchildren's ballgames, events, and birthday parties. His children and grandchildren will cherish his memory by his sense of humor and teasing, his famous milkshakes with Schwan's Ice Cream, and his homegrown popcorn. He loved raising chickens, gathering and selling fresh eggs, and the family's

annual chicken butchering day. This is his legacy!

Marlo is survived by his daughter Jacki (Wade) Kragel of Waukee, son Kevin (Colette) Westaby of Alexander, daughter Lynette (John) Bednarz of Ellston, daughter Jana (Jeff) Winters of Hampton, daughter Vicki (Farley) Roe of Waterloo, sixteen grandchildren, forty-two great-grandchildren (with one more on the way), sister-in-law Diane (Wayne) Lehman of Badger, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Gloria, son Michael, great-grandsons Austin and Alex Rodemeyer, his parents, and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be given to River City Barbershop Chorus, 2032 Hunters Ridge Dr., Mason City, IA 50401 or to Suncrest Home Health and Hospice, 5959 Village View Dr., Suite 100, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

Cemetery Details

Alexander Cemetery

296 190th Street
Alexander, IA 50420

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

First Reformed Church
214 Brown Street
Alexander, IA 50420

Church Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Marlo DeWayne Westaby



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - April 07, 2022 at 08:59 AM



“ My memories of Marlo stretch over many years. Those memories involve your entire family, and most of my childhood. Your family was like my second family.

My deepest sympathies to you all, but we know he is very happy to be back with his beloved Gloria.

Brenda (Anderson) Dunbar

Brenda Dunbar - April 08, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marlo DeWayne Westaby.



April 08, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marlo DeWayne Westaby.*



April 08, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marlo DeWayne Westaby.*



April 08, 2022 at 08:16 AM



“ *We loved meeting Marlo and Gloria at Lake Robbins Ballroom in Woodward on Sunday nights where they had a regular table. They loved learning new dance steps, exercising their rebuilt joints and muscle memory there, telling stories of their history-making cadillac (more miles than any other) and their love for Jesus. "Eternity is too long to be wrong." We enjoyed meeting many of their family members who helped them celebrate a birthday or anniversary there also. John & Karine McLaughlin*



Karine McLaughlin - April 08, 2022 at 12:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marlo DeWayne Westaby.*



April 07, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Yes, I knew the couple when he and my teacher Miss Helvick were an item. Sounds as though they had a beautiful life together. My condolences to the family. Sorry, I had not heard of her earlier death. I remember once staying at his parents home on the corner when there had been such a snowstorm that the buses did not run. They housed teachers, but I can't remember if Miss Helvick was there at the time.*

Dorothy Barkema Sivam

dorothysivam - April 03, 2022 at 09:58 PM