



## Martin H. Fritz

October 2, 1923 - December 24, 2016

Martin H. Fritz, 93, of Ackley, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2016 at Grand JiVante in Ackley. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Friday, December 30, 2016 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. Burial will be at the Oakwood Cemetery in Ackley. Visitation will be from 4-6 pm on Thursday, December 29 at the church. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Martin and his family.

Martin H. Fritz was born on October 2, 1923 in Hawkeye, Iowa to John and Ruth Fritz. After graduating from Hawkeye High School in 1941 he attended Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. In answering the call of his country, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II from April of 1943 until the end of 1945 as a medic in North Africa, Italy and France with no furlough.

Martin returned home and married his high school sweetheart Evalyn "Evy" (Wendland) Fritz in June of 1947. He attended Mortuary College in St. Louis and upon completion moved to Ackley, Iowa. It was there he started his family and followed the footsteps of his uncle opening a funeral home and furniture store. He later joined his funeral business with the Brandt Funeral Home, gaining a business partner and lifelong friend. The community of Ackley embraced this and welcomed the two families coming together to better serve. During his career in Ackley, he operated the funeral home with his wife for 47 years, the furniture store for 45 years, the ambulance service for 27 years,

was Chairman of the Board at the Ackley State Bank, served on both the Ackley Canning Factory and Ackley Building Corporation Boards, managed the 150 year old family farm in Bremer county and was a faithful member of St. John's United Church of Christ for over 65 years.

Throughout his life Martin was an avid traveler, golfer and bowler. He enjoyed western films, television and music. He loved the town of Ackley and was proud of the work he contributed to make it a better place. Martin H. Fritz was a prominent businessman, community leader and friend that will be dearly missed.

Martin is survived by his son, Paul J. Fritz and grandchildren, Eric Ringenberg of Marshalltown, Iowa and Amanda Clary of Green Bay, WI. He was preceded in death by his wife; his daughter, Diane Ringenberg; his parents; a brother, Paul A. Fritz; grandparents and an uncle, Herman Fritz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Grand Jivante, 502 Butler Street, Ackley, IA 50601.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

Ackley, IA 50601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Church of Christ  
716 3rd Avenue  
Ackley, IA 50601

## Service

DEC **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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716 3rd Avenue  
Ackley, IA 50601

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Sorry to hear about your dads passing. i talked with him a couple times before his passing. Our prayers are with you Paul I'll let my sister Kathy know, she was a classmate of yours. Hope your missionary ministries are going well, my sin is one too God's speed to you. Rick

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**Richard Heitland** - January 05, 2017 at 08:17 PM

DH

“ Sorry to learn of your father's passing. He was a kind man. He was so helpful to our family and the time of our parent's passing. He truly cared. Your Dad and mom were amazing people in the town of Ackley. Our prayers are with all of you who mourn at this time. David and Sharleen (Hofmeister) Hubbard



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**David Hubbard** - December 28, 2016 at 11:43 AM

VG

“ Paul - Sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing your dad when I went to visit mom.

*Vivian Geerdes*

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**Vivian Geerdes** - December 28, 2016 at 07:10 AM

GO

“ Paul - We are so sorry to hear of your loss. My mother (Sophia Homan) use to work for your folks. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Gail Osborn & Linda Epley*

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**Gail Osborn** - December 27, 2016 at 07:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin H. Fritz.



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December 27, 2016 at 02:03 PM