



Allen A.H. Blessman

October 4, 1928 - August 25, 2020

Allen A. H. Blessman, 91, passed away peacefully the morning of August 25, 2020. He was born at home five miles north of Mason City, IL on October 4, 1928 to Jimmy and Edith Blessman. He is survived by his step-son Stephen W. Blessman, daughter-law Patricia Jones Blessman, two grandsons Joshua Allen Blessman and Ben Isaac Blessman, three great grandchildren Destiny, Amani and Niyah Blessman, a step-sister Janet Myers, four nieces: Jeanie Taylor, Janet Werner, Beth Krause and Karen Lowery as well as his step-nephew Jim Hoffert and step-niece Rhonda Knoles. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Eddie Blessman, Gail Thies and Earl Thies, his wife Ellen Blessman, his niece Diana Behrends, his nephew Jim Thies and his grandson Christopher Blessman.

Allen had a passion for raising, breeding and showing American Saddle Bred horses. He won many trophies at the Illinois State Fair and the Midwest Horse Show as well as other regional and national horse shows. He also had a passion for volunteering in his community and was a member of the Methodist Men, American Legion Post and Optimist Club of Mason City.

In 2011 he was recognized by the Illinois Department on Aging and received its Community Service Award with the following remarks:

“Allen Blessman has made many contributions including his donation of two

downtown buildings to the United Methodist Church, to open a second campus for its outreach ministry. He established the Allen A. H. and Ellen M. Blessman Foundation which provides funds for scholarships; he donated and participated in the planning of the Mason City Public Library; he participated in the founding of the Mason City Area Nursing Home; and he participated in the founding of the First State Bank of Mason City. Allen Blessman is a true leader and philanthropist.”

Cremation rites have been accorded and a celebration of life will be held on April 22, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the United Methodist Church in Mason City. Memorial contributions may be made to Mason City Area Nursing Home or Mason City United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be left at www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **22**. 10:30 AM (cst)

Mason City United Methodist Church
100 E. Pine
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5551

Tribute Wall



“ Allen A.H. Blessman

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Chaddock children and staff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Allen A.H. Blessman.



Chaddock children and staff - April 20, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ Allen Blessman was a wonderful man. I am so glad that I had the opportunity to get to know him personally as a friend. ❤️



Dale and Becky Lynn - April 19, 2022 at 12:07 AM



“ Lisa Settles lit a candle in memory of Allen A.H. Blessman



Lisa Settles - April 17, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Allen A.H. Blessman.*



April 10, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *When I was 13 years old, I was visiting Mr. Blessman's stables with a family who was picking up a mare they had bred to Starheart Victory. I had never seen a horse as beautiful and was left in amazement. I walked outside with Mr. Blessman, he wanted to show me a field of horses. As I stared in awe, he asked me, "Which one is your favorite?" I smiled and pointed at a beautiful liver, chestnut mare, with 4 white socks and a bold white stripe down her face. Then Mr. Blessman said, "Tell your Dad he can pick her up next weekend, she's your horse." I'm still riding and competing today, and I attribute that to Mr. Blessman's generosity and love for the Saddlebred breed. He was very dear to me and my Dad, and we'll always be grateful. Michele Kauffman-Leonard*

Michele Leonard - November 13, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Steve and family: Allen wasn't just a force for good in Mason City. For decades he supported children from across the country who have been traumatized and abused through his gifts to Chaddock in Quincy. His heart was as great as it was humble. Some of my favorite memories of him are of having lunch at the diner or Subway and hearing him talk so proudly about his family. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

Jeff VanCamp, Executive Director, Chaddock Children's Foundation

Jeff VanCamp - September 17, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ Our community has lost a very humble man with a true servant's heart. One memory is seeing him mopping the church basement when he could have had someone else do it. From the preschool to the library to the scholarships to the beautiful nursing home, he made this a better place. He has our gratitude and our respect. We offer our condolences. John and Gaye Maxson

John and Gaye Maxson - September 03, 2020 at 08:54 PM

SB

“ I met Allen at Cedarwood Farm in Evansville, IN, where we shared horse stories and discovered that we had Starheart Victory in common. I always enjoyed visiting with him. Our last visit was in Springfield, IL, at a show.
Will miss this very nice man

susan bartlett - August 28, 2020 at 04:22 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss, my mother, Shirley Scherpinsky, was friends with Ellen. I pray that you can work through your loss and wish all the healing time you need. Ed Scherpinsky



Edward Scherpinsky - August 28, 2020 at 09:37 AM

RP

“ Allen was one of the most honest, kind, generous and selfless men I have the honor to know. A true gentleman, and we are all less in his absence. God Bless you Allen. Bob Pasquesi

Robert Pasquesi - August 27, 2020 at 04:46 PM

MB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. Sorry for your loss.



Mary Burnham Boyd - August 27, 2020 at 08:09 AM

JM

“ So sorry for the loss of a historic name of Mason City. He will greatly be missed by all who knew him Prayers



jean meikle - August 26, 2020 at 01:39 PM

NL

“ So sorry for your loss. Allen was a sweet guy and a Hometown Champion!

Nancy Leesman - August 26, 2020 at 11:01 AM

NL

“ Nancy Leesman lit a candle in memory of Allen A.H. Blessman



Nancy Leesman - August 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM

MH

“ *Mason City Area Nursing Home was blessed by Allen not only for being a force to start our facility, to financial support and finally as a resident. We were blessed in so many ways by his generosity and were proud to call him a friend to all of us. It was a honor to care for you and your legacy will live on in this community.*

Mason City Area Nursing Home - August 26, 2020 at 09:53 AM

MH

“ *Mason City Area Nursing Home lit a candle in memory of Allen A.H. Blessman*



Mason City Area Nursing Home - August 26, 2020 at 09:50 AM

PH

“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Allen. He was such an outstanding community leader. Mason City is blessed to have this hometown boy. My thoughts and prayers to the Blessman family.*

Pat Harris - August 25, 2020 at 10:43 PM

BS

“ *Brian And Lisa Shawgo lit a candle in memory of Allen A.H. Blessman*



Brian and Lisa Shawgo - August 25, 2020 at 10:18 PM

DW

“ Steve and family, I am so very sorry for you lost. Your father was a great man. His love of animals and family says it all. He is in a better place and I believe he will be greatly rewarded for his goodness in heaven.
Sincerely. Deb Weber



Debra Rabbe Weber - August 25, 2020 at 10:02 PM

KK

“ Kraig Krause lit a candle in memory of Allen A.H. Blessman



Kraig Krause - August 25, 2020 at 09:48 PM

MB

“ To Steve and family, We are so sorry for your loss! You and your family is in our thoughts and prayer!

Mary Buttry - August 25, 2020 at 07:56 PM

MB

“ Mary Buttry lit a candle in memory of Allen A.H. Blessman



Mary Buttry - August 25, 2020 at 07:44 PM

SS

“ Steve, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad.

Sally Maxson Steele - August 25, 2020 at 06:46 PM