

Harry Lee Seward

August 5, 1967 - September 10, 2018

Harry Lee Seward, age 51, of Mason City, passed away at Mason City Area Nursing Home on Monday, September 10, 2018.

He was born to Merle and Andrea (Matsumoto) Seward on August 5, 1967 in Lincoln.

Harry is survived by his parents, Merle and Andrea Seward of Mason City; one sister, Tina (Philip) Birch of Mason City; nephew, Matthew (Tiffany Leamon) Birch of Easton; great nephews, Parker Birch and Trey Leamon; and one great niece, Tori Birch.

Harry was a Physical Education teacher at Midwest Central for 27 years, where he coached girl's softball and basketball. He was an avid Broncos fan and enjoyed golfing, bowling, and fishing.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 14, 2018 at the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City, where Harry was a member. Pastor Charlotte Poetschner will officiate. Burial will be held at Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial donations in honor of Harry may be made to Mason City Area Nursing Home or Drive Out Cancer for the American Cancer Society.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting family with arrangements.
Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Funeral

SEP **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

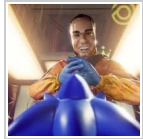
United Presbyterian Church
300 N. Main Street
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-5438

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry Lee Seward*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *No matter what i did coach always showed me never let yourself down and never sell yourself short...he was a great man and was much bigger then where he came from and ended up he was meant for greatness im afraid that his greatness will be in all of us forever keep on keeping on coach*

Izzy Poole - September 29, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of Harry. He was so good with the Midwest Central kids, and I will always remember that. My own children benefitted from his teaching and positive influence before we left Manito in 1995. In fact, our daughter Sarah, who went on to play basketball at SIU-E, credits Harry with helping her gain the confidence to even believe that a basketball scholarship was attainable. That became her dream, and he deserves much of the credit for that. He had that kind of impact on the kids he taught. He had a special gift. He will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and many friends.*

Dr. Daniel Schweers, Linda, Ben, Sarah and Rebeccah

Dan Schweers - September 16, 2018 at 12:17 PM

PY

“ So sorry to hear this. My sincere condolences to the family.



Phyllis Yentes - September 16, 2018 at 11:28 AM

MS

“ So sorry Jippy and Andrea. Harry was a good friend.



Molly Sullivan-Oliver - September 14, 2018 at 08:34 PM

SH

“ Great competitor on the basketball court. Great friend off of it. You will be missed. RIP Harry.

Scott Harms - September 14, 2018 at 11:24 AM

TM

Harry was a good guy, always had a smile. Competed against Harry in junior high and through out high school. I occasionally bump into Harry and he always remembered me. He will definitely be missed.

Tracy Mammen - October 05, 2018 at 07:19 PM



“ Very sorry. Deepest condolences. Have many fond memories of watching cuz play basketball hugs and love. Darlene and family

Darlene Miller - September 13, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Seward.*



September 13, 2018 at 10:17 PM



“ *Diane (Reuss) Paap lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Diane (Reuss) Paap - September 13, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ *may the spirit of our lord bless and strengthen you in this time of despair. Merle, Andrea and family we are thinking about you and praying for you. the Rabbes*

jerry rabbe - September 13, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ *Seward, you were one of the biggest reasons that I chose my major in College. I saw how much fun you had as a P.E. teacher. You were so good at it also! You believed in me when it did not feel like many others did, Thank you because of you I kept with softball and I went on to play at a college level. I do not think that you realize how many people you truly touched. I was just a middle school girl with average talent and you made me feel like i could be something and I became that! So again thank you and god bless you, I will never forget all that you did for me.*

Allison Livengood(Trainer) - September 13, 2018 at 09:42 AM

SH

“ See you on the other side Harry Seward Very little of my childhood doesn't have a memory without you in it. You were the first person I knew upon moving to Mason City. Great memories of our time playing all kinds of sports, hunting, riding that mini bike you had etc. You were like an older brother to me.
My deepest Condolences to Merle, Andrea, Tina and Family

Scott Harrison - September 13, 2018 at 09:01 AM

KR

“ Andrea, I'm so sorry. I can't make it to see you but please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you, Kim Russell

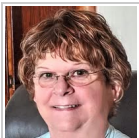
Kim Russell - September 13, 2018 at 06:10 AM

KR

“ Kim Russell lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Kim Russell - September 13, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ Most recently, Mr. Seward was my grandson's P.E. teacher at Midwest Central Middle School. Thank you for your shared time and athletic expertise. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Karen Thomas

Karen Thomas - September 12, 2018 at 09:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Seward.*



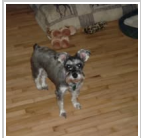
September 12, 2018 at 09:04 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Coach Seward touched many lives and enflueded a lot of young athletes in his lifetime. RIP.*



Todd & Connie Shelabarger and family. - September 12, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Nancy Leesman lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Nancy Leesman - September 12, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Mike and Dawn Stoltzenburg purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harry Lee Seward.*



Mike and Dawn Stoltzenburg - September 12, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Seward.*



September 12, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ *Shandra Danculovich-Sams & Family lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Shandra Danculovich-Sams & Family - September 12, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Mary Sue Dennis lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Mary Sue Dennis - September 12, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Coach Seward was my coach at MCHS and always very dedicated to his craft but with an added laugh, smile and sly sense of humor. I appreciate all of the support he provided and know he will be missed.*

Sara Hays - September 12, 2018 at 11:10 AM

KT

“ This will not be short, so move on if you're not into reading books.



This took my breath away. I am so sad. You ever get caught in a little bit of nostalgia and start thinking about people in your past (and your present) - and that you should reach out to them and tell 'em/remind 'em of how much they mean to you?? What a shame that I didn't do that with Harry. Matter of fact, it's flat out stupid.

I moved to E Chestnut shortly before 8th grade, where I practically lived outside in the yard - usually playing catch with Chris Lynn or Brett Young. Harry would rockroll up and down Chestnut in that brand new Camaro, and for some reason...he would see us, stop, and just hang out. Now understand...he's a stud senior and we're punk 8th graders. Why did he stop? I have no freaking idea but I'll tell ya this - it made us feel like KINGS. Sometimes it was a minute and sometimes it was an hour. Not kidding, I'll bet he stopped by 50 times that year.

Who can ever forget those 25 foot rainbows - all net - to open a game during that magical 84-85 season?? The gym would just EXPLODE. (Thanks you 84-85 peeps. Never had more fun in a gym and you guys were our basketball HEROES) HECK of an athlete. Basketball, baseball, track, cross country AND golf - are you kidding me?? He literally was good in every sport. Not just ok. GOOD. I'll never forget how crushed he was post-Thad Matta&Hoopeston East Lynn. He told us he was NEVER AGAIN going to touch another basketball. Haha..out of the mouth of 17 year old babes, right? That's ok...we were all crushed.

And man oh man, what a good-looking cat that kid was. What he lacked in height he more than made up for in looks. For those that only knew Harry in later years...take a good look at the pictures out there. Just a stud...and I have to laugh - HE KNEW IT! Probably to his detriment! ;-)

I haven't seen or spoken to Harry in probably 20 years, maybe more. The clock is tickin', folks. Please don't wait 20 years like I did. To Harry's family - thank you for giving us Harry. He made a difference in my life. I won't waste this harsh lesson. My heart is with all of you.

GOD bless you and THANK YOU Harry Lee Seward.

Kevin Tholen - September 12, 2018 at 10:51 AM



What a wonderful tribute. Thank you.

Karen Thomas - September 12, 2018 at 09:08 PM

WE

“ *Thought and prayers for family and friends*

Wanda Eaton - September 12, 2018 at 09:10 AM

DT

“ *Dee And Jamie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Dee and Jamie Thompson - September 12, 2018 at 08:36 AM

K(

“ *Mr Seward was my favorite teacher when I was in 8th grade in 93-94. I had him for social studies, pe, and independent study hall. On occasion there were a select few he would invite to let hang out in his classroom during lunch and he would order pizza from Hot Stuff for us. And we'd hang out and play chess! He always encouraged me to keep practicing the things I was good at in order to get better. He had a heart of gold! Always enjoyed the extra credit opportunities as well in his class especially the wazzits out of the journal star! He's gonna be missed greatly and never forgotten!!*

Katie Ellis (Anderson) - September 12, 2018 at 07:35 AM

TL

“ *Tina Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Tina Lindsey - September 12, 2018 at 07:22 AM

RK

“ *My deepest sympathies to Harry's family. I went thru grade school and high school with Harry. He was a sweet guy. He will be missed.*

Rhonda (Cargill) Karr - September 12, 2018 at 06:26 AM

JS

“ *My heart breaks for You Meryl, Tina and all your family and friends of Harry's I remembered all the wonderful stories you told about Harry. He was a wonderful Son. I will see you soon.*

Janice Sales - September 12, 2018 at 12:10 AM

TH

“ Tootie Hundt lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Tootie Hundt - September 11, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ Feel very sad about this today. I remembered he liked to wear sweatshirts and shorts. And played golf which I did not like. 😂



Allison Anderson - September 11, 2018 at 11:38 PM

RF

“ I taught with Harry for several years. He was such a loving and caring teacher to his students. Always checking in on their grades and activities. I will miss talking football and sending Sunday night text about the games. My kids were blessed to have him as their PE teacher and coach. My heart goes out to his family. Praying for strength for his family and friends.

Rhonda Fisher - September 11, 2018 at 10:55 PM

RW

“ You were such a fun person. Gonna miss you Sewerd.

Reagan West - September 11, 2018 at 10:43 PM

MW

“ You were a great coach and teacher! Prayers to your family.



Michelle Wood - September 11, 2018 at 10:31 PM

BS

“ Brian And Lisa Shawgo lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Brian and Lisa Shawgo - September 11, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“ Jeri Canada lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Jeri Canada - September 11, 2018 at 09:50 PM

SL

“ You were a great P.E. teacher for Midwest central. You will be truly missed!

Samantha Lumpkin - September 11, 2018 at 09:45 PM

KC

“ *My heart breaks for Andrea, Jippy, Tina & Phil...all our love and prayers are with you.*



Kris Claypool - September 11, 2018 at 09:38 PM

SL

“ *Shannon Lynn lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



shannon lynn - September 11, 2018 at 09:36 PM

BR

“ *Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Barb Rodgers - September 11, 2018 at 09:02 PM

JF

“ *Jason Fenison lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Jason Fenison - September 11, 2018 at 07:39 PM

DD

“ Thoughts and prayers .
Dick and Maureen Damarin



Dick and Maureen Damarin - September 11, 2018 at 07:32 PM

SC

“ I worked with Harry for many years. He was fun to work with and we worked well together. I will miss him. My prayers and sympathy go out to his family.

Susan Coers - September 11, 2018 at 07:28 PM

MG

“ Mark and Gaileh Barrow Family, Matthew Gideon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harry Lee Seward.



Mark and Gaileh Barrow Family, Matthew Gideon - September 11, 2018 at 07:11 PM

SM

“ He was an awesome PE teacher and will be greatly missed by all of his students. RIP Mr. Seward, and I'm sorry for the family's loss. He was a great teacher!!!

Stacey McCamy - September 11, 2018 at 06:22 PM

CC

“ Harry and I worked together for many years at Midwest Central Middle School. I remember him with fond memories and a smile on my face because that is what always happened when I spoke with him. He will be missed.

Carla B Cross - September 11, 2018 at 06:16 PM

DJ

“ I grew up with Harry and he was my buddy. I'll miss not seeing him whenever I'm in Mason City. To the family, I'm so very saddened and sorry for your loss. He was like a brother to me growing up. Sports together and just hanging out. I love you buddy. RIP.

Deron Jones - September 11, 2018 at 06:04 PM

DJ

“ Deron Jones lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Deron Jones - September 11, 2018 at 06:00 PM

MB

“ Mark And Gaileh Barrow lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Mark and Gaileh Barrow - September 11, 2018 at 05:55 PM

Linda Kiestler

“ I had Coach Seward for the last 3 years as my gym teacher. He was an awesome teacher and he will be missed greatly. On my last day of 8th grade he gave me one of his golf balls, I will cherish it and his memory forever.
Bryan "B" Kiestler & family.



Linda Kiestler - September 11, 2018 at 05:37 PM

JA

“ He was my gym teacher for a year and a half, and he was really nice and fun. Always laughing and smiling. He was the best. I hope heaven treats you well Mr. Seward. You will be missed dearly by every student from your gym class through the years.

Jasper - September 11, 2018 at 05:33 PM

Christian Cunningham-Witherbee

“ The one thing I will always remember you for is your passion for football rest easy



Christian Cunningham-Witherbee - September 11, 2018 at 05:15 PM

CC

“ Curly And Kelly J Cleesen lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



Curly and Kelly J Cleesen - September 11, 2018 at 05:10 PM

KF

“ He will be missed, prayers for his family



Kandace Wood and Family - September 11, 2018 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ I can still remember endless games of wiffleball in the back yard, shooting bb guns and monopoly until all hours of the night. Risk and Dark Tower later on and basketball games almost every day. Deb, Harry and I were thick as thieves in the early years. SO SORRY to get this news. Peace to the family as my heart breaks for you!! Jim Blevins



Jim Blevins - September 11, 2018 at 05:01 PM

JM

“ Jean Proctor Meikle lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward



jean proctor meikle - September 11, 2018 at 04:54 PM

DC

“ You have our Sympathy Prayers 🙏🙏🙏. Dolores and Angela Curry

Dolores and Angella Curry - September 11, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Photos and videos



Beth Krause - September 11, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Wilma Blessman lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Wilma Blessman - September 11, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harry Lee Seward.*



September 11, 2018 at 04:17 PM



“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



Vickie Bagby - September 11, 2018 at 03:59 PM

CV

“ *sorry to hear about harry. I still remember crazy dancing with him at tina and phil's wedding.love charlotte and bryan veronesi*

charlotte (seward) veronesi - September 11, 2018 at 03:45 PM

CV

“ *Charlotte (seward) Veronesi lit a candle in memory of Harry Lee Seward*



charlotte (seward) veronesi - September 11, 2018 at 03:43 PM