



## David O. Hillary

October 16, 1945 - September 30, 2024

David Hillary, 78, of Sheldon, passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024, at the VA Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Eastside Cemetery in Estherville, IA, with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post #91 and the VFW Post #3388 both of Estherville.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

David O. Hillary was born on October 16, 1945, to Osborne and Dorothy (Giffin) Hillary in Spirit Lake, IA. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Sioux Falls. He taught for 35 years at Sheldon Community Schools. He served his country during the Vietnam War in the US Army. Dave was united in marriage to Jean Peterson on August 9, 1969, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Following his retirement from teaching, Dave worked for the City of Sheldon.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church in Sheldon and the Sheldon American Legion. In his free time, he enjoyed mowing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Jean Hillary of Sheldon, IA; children John Hillary of Paulina, IA; Jennifer Kielman and her fiancé Josh Loerzel of Milford, IA; and Jill (Jake) Holz of Sheldon, IA; grandchildren Taylor her significant other Josh Biery, Keeston, Keely, Macade, Ella, Harper, and Karter; great grandchildren Bailey and Brayden.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Mary.

# Cemetery Details

## East Side Cemetery

Estherville, IA 51334

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

East Side Cemetery  
150th Street  
Estherville, IA 51334

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Aaron and Marissa Maassen and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David O. Hillary.

Aaron and Marissa Maassen and family - October 03, 2024 at 03:47 PM

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“ Aaron and Marissa Maassen and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of David O. Hillary.



Aaron and Marissa Maassen and family - October 03, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of David O. Hillary.



October 03, 2024 at 01:18 PM

TB

“ Thought and prayers to Jean, and the family. Dave was a wonderful co-worker and neighbor. He was kind and caring. Prayers for you all. Tammie Boone

Tammie Boone - October 03, 2024 at 10:41 AM

SP

“ Thoughts and Prayers to you Jean and the kids and also grandkids for your loss. Dave was a great guys and he worked hard as a teacher and in the summer working for the City of Sheldon and also spending time with the family. Hugs to you all for your loss.



Sandy Pedro - October 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

CC

“ Craig, Cathy , Carol planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David O. Hillary.

Craig, Cathy , Carol - October 02, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David O. Hillary.



October 02, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go to Dave's family. Dave and I worked together at Sheldon Middle School in the late 1990's. He was there early in the morning and after others had left for the day. He was truly dedicated to the students he taught. Our girls got to know him when Jean provided child care to them when they were younger. He was a gentle giant to them and to other kids whom Jean cared for. He will be missed greatly.

Jim Gude - October 01, 2024 at 10:14 PM

TG

“ *John and family, so sorry for your loss. Tina (Jungers) Groninga*

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**Tina Groninga** - October 01, 2024 at 07:57 PM

GI

“ *sorry to hear this he was an old school buddy of mine May God Bless*

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**Gale E Igou** - October 01, 2024 at 05:52 PM