



## Marion P. Durbala

March 8, 1934 - May 18, 2013

Marion P. Durbala, age 79, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, passed away May 18, 2013, at the Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley, Iowa. He was born on March 8, 1934, in Albia, Iowa, to Frank and Margaret (Bins) Durbala.

Marion grew up on a small farm outside Lovilia, Iowa with his two brothers and three sisters. After graduating from Albia High School, he spent two years serving his country in the United States Army, most of his time spent at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Marion returned to Iowa, where he graduated from Drake University with a degree in accounting. He worked for seventeen years with JS Latta and Co. in Cedar Falls, as a controller and CFO. Marion moved on to become the Financial Director for the Area Education Agency #7 in Waterloo, Iowa, before retiring in the late 1990's.

During his active years, Marion enjoyed playing golf as often as possible, playing through the summer of 2012. He was also a highly competitive bridge player. He was a passionate reader of history books, particularly about World War I, as his father had served in the trenches in France with the 82nd Division. He always wanted to learn about everything his father had experienced and one of his prized possessions was the 1918 unit photograph that included Corporal Frank Durbala (his father).

Marion is survived by his children, Douglas Durbala, and his wife, Susan of Spirit Lake, David Durbala of Mason City, and Dorian Ayala, and her husband, Omar of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren; two sisters, Jean Hollinrake, and her husband, Joe of Lovilia, and Patricia Baldus of Ames; brother, Robert Durbala, and his wife, Suzanne of Newton; sister-in-law, Margaret Durbala of Newton; and a brother-in-law, Michael Fisher of St. Joseph, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Thomas Durbala; sister, Margaret Fisher; and brother-in-law, Norm Baldus.

Visitation for 79 year old Marion P. Durbala of Cedar Falls, will be held Thursday, from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. A graveside service will be held at 1:00P.M. Friday, at St. Peter's Cemetery in Lovilia, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Marion's name. The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

PW

“*Doug,  
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father.  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Steve and Penny Weaver*

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**Penny Weaver** - May 21, 2013 at 06:14 PM

PB

“*I will always be grateful that Marion, my brother, came to Charles City after the massive tornado 45 years ago to help when we needed help the most. He got thru entry roads blocked by the highway patrol, through all the wreckage, located us at a friend's house, and took our children to relatives in Story City for their safety.*

*Pat Baldus*

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**Pat Baldus** - May 21, 2013 at 08:55 AM

JH

“*Marion was my brother. I was the youngest of six children and he was next to me. He graduated from high school in 1952 and I in 1953. We walked to country grade school together for eight years and drove to high school together. He was a wonderful brother and I have a lot of good memories about him. Ironically, he died on the same date his brother Tom died (2010). May they both rest in peace. Jean (Durbala) Hollinrake*

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**Jean (Durbala) Hollinrake** - May 20, 2013 at 06:57 PM