



Malcolm E. Hiday

September 8, 1921 - March 27, 2019

Malcolm E. Hiday, 97, of Ossian, passed away Wednesday evening, March 27, 2019, at Ossian Health & Rehab. Center.

Malcolm was born on September 8, 1921 in Noblesville, Indiana to Harry & Mary (Smith) Hiday. He graduated from Petroleum High School in 1939.

On January 13, 1940, Malcolm and Justine L. (Davenport) Hiday were married. They recently celebrated their 79th wedding anniversary.

Malcolm was a lifelong dairy farmer. Malcolm and Justine lived in Pennville and ran the family dairy operation until they moved to Ossian in 1964. He continued his dairy farm until he retired at the age of 65. After retirement, they enjoyed spending the winters in Fort Myers Beach, FL., and Malcolm became a full-time golfer and an avid fisherman. He was a member of the Ossian United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife Justine, of Ossian along with five children; Larry (Nedra) Hiday of Bluffton, Sonja DeHoff of Bluffton, Dixie "Diane" (Thomas) Hedges of Gallatin, TN., Mary Lou (Gary) Adams of Leesburg and Cheryl (Ted) Martz of Ossian, along with 16 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Malcolm is preceded in death by a grandchild, a great-grandchild and siblings; Joe Hiday, Juanita Martin, Chester Hiday, Harold "Dutch" Hiday and Marilee Blankenbecker.

Visitation will be held from 12 Noon to 6 P.M. on Sunday (March 31, 2019) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday (April 1, 2019) at the funeral home with Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made in Malcolm's memory to Heart to Heart Hospice or Ossian United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories and online condolences with the Hiday family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

APR 1. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Malcolm E. Hiday*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 31, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ *Malcolm E. Hiday*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Larry, Sonja, Diane, Mary Lou, & Cheryl: My heart goes out to all of you today. I love you all, and I will truly miss Uncle Mac.*

Carol Hiday Ellenberger - April 01, 2019 at 09:06 AM

SB

“ Cheryl, Mary Lou, Larry, Sonja, and Diane-

So sorry for your loss. Just wanted to let you know we are thinking of you.

I remember coming to your house to stay all night. Your dad was always working no matter what time of day. Cheryl sometimes had to go help and I would tag along with her to the barn. What a different kind of home place than where I was raised.

Cheryl and I were friends from the first day she came to school at Ossian. When we got our driver's licenses we would drive each other back and forth to school so no more riding the bus. We had some really good times with the Norwell band (we used tanning crème so our legs would turn brown before the parade and used hair spray to keep our hair in place), the Wells County 4-H camp (to meet boys), working at the Ossian drive-in and just sharing fun times with each other. I remember Cheryl babysitting for Sonja whenever she was needed. It seems like she made more babysitting cash than I did.

When I tried to twirl a baton, Mary Lou was the instructor. We shared many good times during my lessons where I learned a lot and it was not about twirling (like stitching the shoulder seams of tank tops so they would not be so low cut in the front). During the summer we would go for long bicycle rides without a particular map planned. One day we ended up in Poe. Water bottles were not around yet so we made sure we had change with us so we could make a pop machine purchase. I never knew cars could go so fast until I rode with Mary Lou. During a sleep over at the Hiday's house, we chose up teams and tried to out-fool the other team. Mary Lou was so good. She showed us how to put Saran Wrap on the toilet seats and on the doorways between rooms. It wasn't fun for the other team but we loved it.

We'll take care and again know we are thinking of you.

Stephanie (Miller) Beck

Stephanie (Miller) Beck - March 31, 2019 at 06:06 PM

SF

“ Dear Larry, Nedra and Family,
Please accept my condolences on the passing of Larry's dad. May your memories bring you comfort and peace.
Sandy Geist Funk



Sandy Geist Funk - March 30, 2019 at 09:48 PM



Dear Larry Nedra and family! We extend our condolences for the passing of Malcolm. He was a great golfer always enjoyed seeing him at Greenvally to play with us on Tuesdays for many years! He will be missed by many!
Linda and Eugene Worman

Eugene Worman - March 31, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ 120 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 30, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *My condolences to the Hiday family.*
Jane Steele

Jane Steele - March 29, 2019 at 10:18 AM



So sorry to hear of Malcoms passing. Long time neighbors in Petroleum.

Rosalee Kirkwood Hockenberry - March 30, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *Cheryl and Ted. and all the Hiday family,*

So sorry for your loss. Your father will be missed by all. Everyone at OPC are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. May GOD grant you his Peace which surpasses all understanding. We LOVE you!!

jJohn and Cynda Bunting

Cynda Bunting - March 29, 2019 at 06:29 AM

CH

“ I was saddened to hear of Malcom's passing. I could see that your family's loving support was very appreciated by your dad during his long stay at Ossian Health Care. It was nice that you could keep your mom and dad together. We appreciated that when Ossian allowed our parents to be together until Dad's death. May God bless your family during this difficult time.



Mabel Huntman's daughter,

Christine Hunt

Christine and Dan Hunt - March 28, 2019 at 11:27 AM