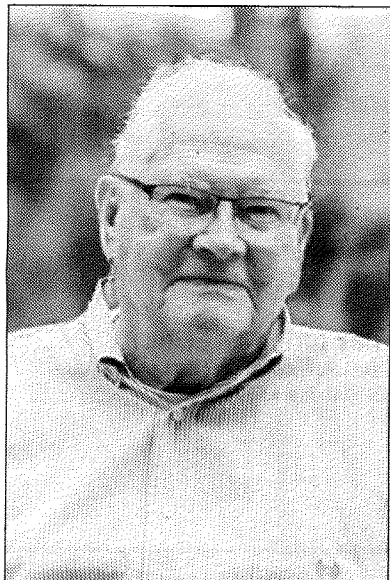


## Harry Scurr



Harry Scurr, 91, of Gilman, died on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, with his family by his side at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell and under the care of St. Croix Hospice.

A funeral service with military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment will be in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman.

His family will receive friends at the visitation held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorials may be designated to the Janet and Harry Scurr Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit East Marshall Schools and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Harry's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Joseph Harry Scurr was born on August 16, 1933, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Joseph Clark Scurr and Frances Violet (Lippincott) Scurr. He was raised on the family farm near Gilman and he graduated from Grinnell High School in 1951. He attended Iowa State University before serving his country honorably as a Corporal in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955.

On July 20, 1958, Harry married the love of his life, Janet Joann Rankin, at the Gilman Community Church. Together, they built a life centered around faith, family, and farming. They were blessed with three children, Kathleen, Joseph, and Steven, and spent 61 wonderful years on the family farm east of Gilman.

Harry dedicated 38 years to farming in Marshall and Tama counties before retiring. After his farming career, he worked for DeLong's Sportswear and Grinnell Implement. Committed to his community, he served on several boards, including the Gilman United Church of Christ, Iowa Soil Conservation for 25 years, Gilman-Newburg Cooperative for five years, and Partner Communications for 22 years. He was also an active member of the Gilman Rustlers Club and a dedicated 4-H leader.

Harry found joy in life's simple pleasures—spending time on the farm, woodworking, and making cherished memories with his family. He and Janet enjoyed traveling together to London, Paris, and Rome. They enjoyed taking family vacations to South Carolina and Florida.

Above all, Harry will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. His kind heart, humble spirit, infectious smile, and warm laughter touched all who knew him. He was a man of integrity, generosity, and unwavering love for his family.

Harry is survived by his daughter, Kathy Ferguson of Gilman; sons, Joe (Sandy) Scurr of Gilman and Steve (Sheila) Scurr of Beaman, Iowa; grandchildren, Ashley (Ryan) McCarty, Grant (Kristina) Ferguson, Blake (Erinn) Scurr, Clayton (Madi) Scurr, Callen Scurr, Kendall (Michael) Kauffman, Parker Scurr, and Joey Scurr; great grandsons, Maddox, Paxton and Kinsley McCarty, Amos Ferguson, Savannah, Harrison and Briggs Scurr, and Tate Scurr; his brother-in-law, Denny (Carla) Rankin of Lineville; his sister-in-law, Debbie Smith of Grinnell; and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Janet Scurr in 2019; his great-granddaughter, Carolina McCarty; his sister, Nancy Buitendorp; his father- and mother-in-law, Gerald and Pauline Rankin; his sisters-in-law, Joyce (Jerry) Wisgerhof and Beverly Rankin; and niece, Sarah (Rankin) Walkup.

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