

Semper Fi — A Marine's Final Salute

The uniform is folded,
His duty now is done,
A faithful Marine has answered
The call of the setting sun.

He stood with pride and honor,
With courage strong and true,
And carried through his lifetime
The red, the white, and blue.

For once you earn the title,
A Marine you'll always be,
Bound by honor, strength, and brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

Now Heaven's gates stand open,
As his final orders call,
And fellow Marines who went before
Stand proudly, one and all.

So raise the flag in honor,
And give one final salute,
For the values that he lived by
Were planted deep at root.

Though we lay our Marine to rest,
His spirit marches on,
In every life he touched with love,
Though from our sight he's gone.

Semper Fidelis — Always Faithful,
Through every land and sea.
Once a Marine, always a Marine—
Forever proud. Forever free.

Semper Fi.


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PERRY CHAPEL



Edward Joseph Carney, 85, of Perry, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

Ed was born on December 2, 1940, in Polk County, Iowa, the son of Francis and Dorothy (Keller) Carney. He attended Ballard High School, graduating with the Class of 1959. Following high school, Ed enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly and faithfully serving his country. He served as a Private with the 2nd Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton, California, before being honorably discharged in 1963.

On March 25, 1962, Ed was united in marriage to Luella Mae Burrell at North Island in San Diego, California. Together, Ed and Luella built a life centered around family and were blessed with two children, Joseph and Teresa. They shared 64 years of marriage.

For many years, Ed worked for Oscar Mayer in Perry, where he remained until the plant closed. He was a hardworking man who believed in staying busy and making the most of what he had. Ed was also a longtime member of Perry Bible Church. Ed was baptized on September 3, 2000 at Dawson River by Pastor Charles Compton, a long time friend.

Bowling was a big part of Ed's life and became something the entire family enjoyed together. When Joe and Teresa were young, Ed and Luella bowled in an adult league with their two children as their partners and together, the family won the league. Ed was an accomplished bowler, rolling two perfect 300 games at Kegel East in Perry. One of his proudest bowling accomplishments came when he appeared on Let's Go Bowling with Jim Zabel. Ed rolled nine strikes in a row and managed to win all of the prize money allocated for the show, a memorable accomplishment, even if the prize money wasn't quite as impressive as the bowling.

Ed enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially quail and pheasant hunting down south. Many of those hunting trips included his faithful dog, Champ. He was also a natural tinkerer who could rarely sit still for long. He enjoyed working on small engines and later developed a love for woodworking. He was always piddling around with something, fixing what needed fixing or figuring out a way to make something work. If Ed needed a tool he didn't have, chances were he would simply make one himself. He was hardworking, resourceful and careful with his money, a true penny-pincher who believed in taking care of what he had. Above all else, Ed loved his family. The time they shared and the many memories they made together will forever be held close to their hearts.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Luella Carney of Perry; daughter, Teresa Carney of Perry; son, Joseph Carney and his wife, Edna, of Parrish, Florida; granddaughter, Anne and her husband, Bill Wissman, of Valrico, Florida; three great-grandchildren, Arlea Rose, Everly Grace and Timothy Joseph; sister-in-law, Karen Carney of Maxwell; nieces and nephews; as well as other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Dorothy Carney; and his brother, Robert Carney.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Edward Joseph Carney

December 2, 1940 - August 15, 2026

Visitation

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 23, 2026
Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Perry Chapel

Funeral Service

10:30 a.m., Monday, August 24, 2026
Perry Bible Church - Perry, Iowa

Clergy

Pastor Derek Boston

Special Music

"I Want to Stroll Over Heaven with You"
Musician, David Cannon

Recorded Music Selections

"Daddy's Hands" - Holly Dunn
"Live Forever" - The Highwaymen

Casket Bearers

Lee Snyder - Buck Buckalew - Tom Sloss
Kelly Coleman - Mark Golightly - Don Richardson

Burial with Military Honors

Rippee Cemetery - Rippee, Iowa
United States Marine Corps Honor Guard
Perry VFW Floyd Foster Post 2060
Minburn American Legion Osborne Post 99

Directly following the burial, everyone is invited back to
the church for a time of fellowship and lunch.



Ed's funeral service will be livestreamed and may be viewed through
his obituary page on the Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home website.