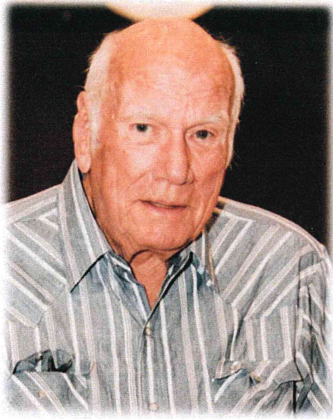




Paul Harker was born in Cambridge, Iowa on April 15, 1937, to Harry and Levenia (Backous) Harker. He attended elementary school in Cambridge. The Harker family later moved to Ames, Iowa where Paul would graduate from Ames High School. Paul joined the Air Force where he served our country for 10 years.

Paul married LaVonne Schroeder on July 30, 1977, and together they farmed near Cambridge. Paul also worked in Ames for a construction firm and Story County Conservation. Paul later retired and moved to Alvord, Iowa.

Paul had a fondness for dogs, especially his dogs Bingo and Dodger. Paul's ability to always find the good in things will leave a lasting impression on his family and friends. Paul passed away Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the Avera Merrill Pioneer Hospital in Rock Rapids, Iowa at the age of 89.

Paul is survived by his wife, LaVonne of Alvord; 3 daughters, Debbie, Deena, and Dianne, all of Michigan; sister-in-law, Diane Naatjes; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Levenia; sons, Dennis and Dean; siblings, John Harker and Naomi Stone; and brother-in-law, Don Schroeder.

In Loving Memory

Paul Harker

April 15, 1937 — June 25, 2026

VISITATION

10:00-11:30am, Thursday, July 2, 2026

Porter Funeral Home

Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. Rob Horstman

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Wes Meyer ~ Logan Meyer

Jaxon Meyer ~ Carson Meyer

Dan Naatjes ~ Darin Naatjes

Jerry Ter Wee ~ Kent Halsne

INURNMENT

Private family burial

Christ Lutheran Cemetery

Alvord, Iowa

MILITARY RITES

Dick De Boer American Legion Post 704

Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free;
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found that place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



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