



## Harold Sporrer

August 15, 1934 - July 13, 2025

Harold Sporrer, 90 of Manning, peacefully entered into eternal rest with the Lord, Sunday, July 13, 2025, surrounded by family at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with burial at 1:30 p.m. in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Manning. Cathy Stander will officiate. Harold's grandchildren will serve as casket bearers.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Additional visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Harold's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com)

The son of Joseph and Rose (Sextro) Sporrer, Harold was born August 15, 1934, in Dedham, Iowa. On August 30, 1955, Harold married Rita Halbur at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur, Iowa. Harold and Rita spent their entire 68 years of married life side by side supporting each other farming, painting, doing field work and the Lord's work. Harold enjoyed bowling, fishing and traveling with his wife as well as playing cards with family, friends and neighbors. He was a salesman for most of his life; selling animal products,

agricultural & vehicle products, produce, farmland, etc. He often undertook projects that many thought were too difficult and through persistence would complete them as he promised. His special ability to do quick mental math aided him greatly during his life. In his later years Harold especially enjoyed operating his bulldozer to clear land to convert it to farmland, working alongside several of his children.

Harold was a hardworking, God loving man. He was a committed husband and father. He was always eager to help a neighbor, friend or even a stranger in need. His sense of humor and laughter were appreciated by all. Harold had a gift to be able to speak to anyone while sharing his faith. His favorite phone greeting was "Praise the Lord" and he always wanted people to know "Jesus loves you". Perhaps the most important and lasting impact he had on the world was his generosity of time, treasure and talent while spreading the Good News of the Lord.

Harold is survived by his eight children: Karen (Mike) Blum of Halbur, Ron (Kay) Sporrer of Seneca, SC, Leon (Linda) Sporrer of Des Moines, Lyle (Carolyn) Sporrer of Manning, Kevin (Lois) Sporrer of Roselle, Renee Fraser of Norwalk, Jeff (Stacey) Sporrer of Ankeny, Joel Sporrer of Manning; 17 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his loving wife Rita and many relatives.

The family wants to express special gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff of the St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll for the excellent care they provided to Harold.

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ We were neighbors for several years and always enjoyed Rita and Harold,  
may he rest in peace

*Tom and Lois Bandow*

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**Lois Bandow** - July 20, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Sporrer.



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July 15, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold Sporrer.

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July 15, 2025 at 10:42 AM

AS

“ Harold had made a huge impact on Ryan's life and always had faith in Ryan and I. We will forever cherish our time with him.



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**Amber Schaffer** - July 15, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DG

“Harold and Rita were such encouragers to me —humble, kind, and unwavering in their faith and purpose: to love others well.

*They had a rare gift for making everyone feel special. They introduced me to the best chocolate at Christmas. I will never forget when they brought the General Lee car at Thanksgiving for all the Lydia House children to see and others, too. Whether you were family, friend, or stranger, Harold and Rita had a way of looking at you that said, you matter. Their words lifted spirits, their presence offered comfort, and their lives overflowed with warmth and grace.*

*Harold's compassion knew no bounds. With open hands and an open heart to the hungry, the homeless, and the forgotten—never out of obligation, but out of deep, abiding love. What he gave went far beyond food or shelter; he offered dignity, hope, and human connection. This passion for others has spilled over to Joel, Kevin and Leon.*

*At the heart of everything Harold did was a steadfast faith. His life was rooted in a quiet but powerful trust in God—a faith that moved him to serve, to give, and to love unconditionally. That faith was his compass, strength, and the source of the compassion he poured out into others.*

*Well done good and faithful servant, I would love to hear just one more time, " Praise the Lord"*

*Dr. Candace Gregory*



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Dr. Candace Gregory - July 15, 2025 at 12:31 AM

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“ the Open Door Mission Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold Sporrer.

the Open Door Mission Family - July 15, 2025 at 12:08 AM

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“ the Open Door Mission Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Harold Sporrer.



the Open Door Mission Family - July 15, 2025 at 12:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Sporrer.



July 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harold Sporrer.

July 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KJ

“ My family's sympathy to the Sporrer family. Harold will be missed. He is safely home in heaven with Rita. Kathy Jones and family

Kathy Jones - July 14, 2025 at 04:23 PM

SR

“ *Such a grand man he was. He did a lot of business over the years with my husband and continued to stop and see me after Big Jim passed. I always looked forward to our visits. Such a man of faith. I will miss that. I am so sorry for your families loss.*



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**Sharon Routh** - July 14, 2025 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold Sporrer.*



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July 14, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ *He was family on my dad's side, sadly last saw him in hyvee was such a good vist and I'm so sad hear this news.*

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**Emily Trecker** - July 14, 2025 at 07:43 AM