



## Max E. Derby

January 26, 1923 - December 3, 2012

Max E. Derby, of Hartford, passed away Monday, December 3, 2012 at the age of 89 years. He was born January 26, 1923 in Ottumwa, IA, the son of Charles and Isal (nee White) Derby. At the age of 19, Max enlisted and served our country in the United States Marines from 1942-1946, serving in the Pacific Campaign throughout the Mariana Islands. He married Marian Thiel, of Hartford, on August 26, 1946. They met at the Great Lakes Naval Center. After the war and their marriage, they took up residence in Hartford where Max worked at Libby's Canning Company, to eventually own and operate his own company. He loved to golf, hunt and fish, and enjoyed being in the great outdoors. Max had a long and happy retirement.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Marian and his son-in-law Robert Gatlin. Dearest father of Gerald (Sue) Derby of Chenequa, Sharon Gatlin of Eau Claire and Cynthia (Mike) Hein of West Allis, Precious grandfather of 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Also survived by two sisters, Glendora Horwath and Patricia (Robert) James, all of Blakesburg, IA.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 7, 2012 from 11 AM – 1 PM at the Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home – Hartford. Funeral Service will follow at the funeral home at 1 PM. Rev. Michael Tess will officiate. Interment Pleasant Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Make a Wish Foundation, or the charity of your choice, would be appreciated.

The Berndt-Ledesma Funeral Home is serving the family.

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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Max. He was very special to us. Our sympathy to you all.

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**Jane and Glen Jones** - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Good-by to my favorite uncle.

*Glad we got to see each other again a week or so ago. Thanks for saying it was okay to keep what I had borrowed from you about 50 years ago, even if you did not know about it.*

*Will miss our phone conversations.*

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**Ed Blumer** - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about Max.

*Our sympathy to all.*

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**Karl and Mary Ann Blumer** - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM