

Edward Luverne Hatcher

Edward Luverne Hatcher wants to be called Luverne. He was born September 26, 1925, 76 years ago, at home near Delta. Luverne's parents were Floyd and Blanche Wadsworth Hatcher. Luverne is the only child of Floyd and Blanche and he was the delight of his mother's life.

Luverne attended Indianapolis Country School and What Cheer High School, graduating in 1943.

On April 12, 1945, Luverne married Loretta Agnes Armstrong at

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in What Cheer, Iowa.

Luverne and Loretta had two children. Ed was born September 10, 1946. He married Bev Arnaman. Ed and Bev live near Montezuma, Iowa. Sheila was born November 7, 1950. She married Sam Brune. Sheila and Sam live in West Point, Iowa. Luverne and Loretta have four grandchildren, Michael, Jason, Josh and Lorelle and one great-grandson, Kade.



Luverne farmed all his life. He retired at the age of 59 and rented his farm out to

"the boys" - two young men who are the sons of his best friend. He then went to work for them doing farm work and driving the tractor. In 2000, he plowed

1200 acres for "the boys".

Luverne enjoyed collecting! Toys and tractors—he loves his vehicles and loves taking care of them. He rode a Honda Goldwing for years. He and Loretta traveled all over the country on it. Luverne has a toy model train set with three trains on different levels. He is an avid fan of NASCAR racing.

Luverne belongs to the Goldwing Riders Association. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and is a board member of the Indianapolis Cemetery and St. Joseph Cemetery and belongs to the Wa-Ke-Ma Motorcycle Club. He is a former member of the Lion's Club.



Farming, children, grandkids, his great-grandson, wife, friends and Cobie, his dog are the things he loves most in his life.

Luverne says he loves to eat out, be with friends, watch NASCAR races and ride his cycle. He enjoys yard work, his garden and the farm. His favorite pet is Cobie, a miniature Dachshund.



Luverne has an ornery streak. He used to love to play practical jokes and pranks on his friends, especially the two Kenny's - Gatton and Molyneux. Once the Kenny Molyneux family was the recipient of 12 farm cats courtesy of "Hatch". The story of their arrival at the Molyneux house was retold many times.

Luverne says he picked Loretta out the first day he saw her and said "That's the girl I want to marry".

